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Sask universities fight for brains

by Hannah Scissons
The Carillon (CUP)

Saskatchewan's two universities are opening their wallets in an effort to keep top high school graduates in the province.

The University of Saskatchewan is now offering a Chancellor Scholarship worth \$16,000 over four years to the top 25 high school graduates in the province. The new scholarships are in direct competition with the UR Scholars Program the University of Regina implemented a year ago, which covers the tuition of the top graduate from every high school in the province.

Administrators at both universities say the scholarship programs are needed to attract top students who otherwise might go to school outside Saskatchewan.

"There's been an active invasion of our province," said U of S registrar Ken Smith. He says the University of Alberta in Edmonton is a particular concern, but other universities including Queen's, the University of Toronto, and McGill also recruit top Saskatchewan students.

U of R registrar Gail Meehan agrees. Although she admits the new U of S scholarships are competition for Regina, she said the UR Scholars Program will remain unchanged.

"I think that more scholarships can only be good for the students in this province," she said.

While the scholarships are aimed at keeping students in the province, they also address the natural competition between the universities to attract top students. One UR Scholar who is completing her first year of science classes said she would have taken the U of S Scholarship if it had been offered last year.

"It's a good deal. It's going to attract a lot of kids," said Jill Daniel.

Melinda Mamer, a grade 12 student at Carpenter High School in the northern town of Meadow Lake, might be eligible for both scholarships. She already has plans to attend the University of Alberta, which offered her a scholarship in the fall. She said she has noticed many top graduates leaving the province.

"I think Alberta's a little better, but if I got the scholarship I'd consider going to the U of S."

Although no statistics are available on how many students leave the province, officials at both universities are worried about the active recruiting campaigns of many of the eastern universities.

"They're picking off our best students," said George Ivany, President of the U of S.

Both of the scholarships the two universities are offering are based on academic achievement only. They remain renewable for four years, providing the student meets certain academic requirements.

U of O student sues prof for plagiarism

by Laurel Fortin
The Fulcrum (CUP)

A University of Ottawa business graduate is suing his former professor and the university for plagiarism.

Paul Boudreau's problems started when he turned a paper into professor Jimming Lin in July, 1991.

Boudreau later learned Jimming had not only taken his paper on integrated circuits for telephone systems and presented it under his own name at a New Orleans conference in September 1992, but Jimming also included the same paper in a case book for a class -- both times without giving Boudreau any credit.

Boudreau initially appealed to Jean-Louis Malouin, dean of the faculty of administration about the situation. When the university said they were satisfied with Jimming's explanation, Boudreau decided to pursue the matter through legal channels.

Jimming's court statement

claims that Boudreau's name was omitted from the paper simply due to an unintentional oversight. Jimming was waiting to include Boudreau's name on the piece until he could also include Boudreau's employer's name. The statement also says Jimming was distracted by job pressure and his wife's illness.

Jimming also stated that he apologized to Boudreau for his mistake, and passed out a memorandum to his class crediting Boudreau as co-author of the piece.

Boudreau, 44, currently a NorTel employee in Ottawa, sought out Jimming in April 1991 to supervise his directed studies course. Because of the amount of work and consultation involved as supervisor of Boudreau's work, Jimming was entitled under University of Ottawa's regulations, to receive co-authorship credit for the paper.

But Boudreau's lawyer Katherine Cotton says Boudreau did not know Jimming was presenting the paper at a conference, nor was he aware that a second professor was also named as co-author of the piece.

John Topping, president of

the University of Ottawa Graduate Student Association, says the university has mechanisms in place to prevent students and professors from plagiarizing works, but that most of the university's rules "have been set up to protect faculty, not students."

The Canadian Graduate Congress, a national graduate student group, has recently set up a legal defence fund and hand book for graduate students.

"Someone has got to be protecting student interests," Topping said.

The case was presented in court last week, and all three parties are awaiting a decision by Madam Justice Monique Merivier. The judge will be asked to determine whether the professor infringed on Boudreau's copyright by not citing proper credit for the paper's use. She will also determine the U of O's liability.

"This case is the first time the university has been taken to task under the Copyright Act," said Darryl Grandbois, the U of O's legal counsel. He added that this may be the first case of its kind involving any Canadian university.

Reform bill would legislate women's consumption

by Craig Saunders
The Martlet (CUP)

Pregnant women who drink could spend up to a year behind bars if Reform MP Keith Martin has his way.

Martin, MP for Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca, recently introduced a private member's bill that would make it illegal for pregnant women to consume "certain substances."

"It would enable the courts to put women that have been using

significant quantities of a damaging substance into a treatment facility for up to a year," said Martin.

The intent of the bill, says Martin, is to prevent women from causing long-term damage to their unborn children. The bill would not apply to women who plan to have an abortion.

According to Martin, the bill is in response to the high number of children born with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. He says that treating and caring for children affected by FAS "costs society millions of dollars for each individual... somebody has to do something for these kids."

He refutes the notion that more spending on treatment programs is a better solution, because "there are individuals who will refuse treatment."

Not everyone agrees with Martin.

"Criminalizing is never the answer," said Sherry McLeod of the University of Victoria's Family Health Centre. "It doesn't prevent women from becoming drug addicted."

McLeod said the complex problems of FAS and alcohol addiction can't be solved by Martin's bill.

"Reform is just reactionary and quick to blame and punish, punish, punish," she said. "Most parties like to imply issues and don't want to deal with the complex issues."

McLeod also worries that the bill will change the definition of "child" under Canadian law. The bill defines "child" as being "every fetus that its mother does not have a fixed intention to abort."

The concern about this definition stems from fear that it could be interpreted as giving rights to the unborn. Martin, however, was quick to state that he is "pro-choice," so there should be no concern.

Dr. Margot Young, an assistant professor of law at UVic, said

Martin's bill would disproportionately affect women, particularly poor women. "It catches a certain public hysteria... one that is not necessarily valid," she said.

Young is also angry that the bill focuses on the fetus, while ignoring the rights of women. The bill is "simply bad social policy," Young said.

As Young also points out, this bill will keep women with addictions from seeking help because they'll be too afraid of being locked up.

The big problem with the bill is the issue of control, Young said. The bill is "part of the politics around women's reproductive politics... it extends the scope into the woman's uterus."

There is also a concern about how the bill seems to separate the fetus and mother into two separate beings, and insinuates that they are antagonistic to each other.

"It's irresponsible," said Young. "It doesn't move our understanding of the situation of these women in any sort of constructive way."

Young said she would rather the government address the conditions that lead women into addiction. She would rather see spending on education and fighting poverty, and some concern for the well-being of the mothers as well.

The bill will likely never be debated in the House of Commons. Martin said that his intent is that the bill will foster debate on the subject.

Young, however, says she doesn't buy that line. She wonders what kind of positive debate will come from a bill that places a greater importance on imprisoning women than treating them.

In terms of fostering some kind of national debate... that's a hypocritical statement," Young said. "It's a mean piece of legislation."

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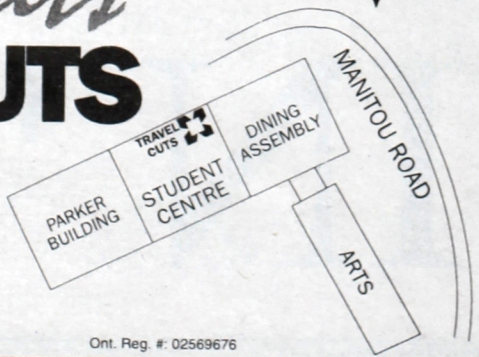
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SGA Students Occupy Dr. Paul's LU Office

by Norman Shields
Staff Writer

In what was the worst-kept secret of the young year, over forty LU students sat down in President Paul's office here between Wednesday and Friday afternoons of last week. The demonstrators, many of whom sit on the current SGA Board of Directors, occupied the office for forty-nine hours in hopes of convinc-

"meeting of minds."

Dr. Paul indicated that he was not disappointed by the action, saying "It's happened at every university in the province, it was not unexpected. It's nice to see student activism. It's nice to see students stand up for their concerns. We had a long period where they have been pretty quiet, so within reason, I think this is positive."

In fact, LU was the eighth of seventeen universities in the province to take this form of action. Queen's, Toronto and Lakehead are

ment of the Capital Campaign would reach \$3M by the end of the month. Every dollar donated by that time is matched by the federal government. Under this best-case scenario, Dr. Paul estimated that LU would have over \$200,000 (per annum) extra to dedicate to student assistance.

Asked if there was no way to put an end to tuition increase Dr. Paul indicated that he had no magic answers. He believes in a students right to accessible post-secondary education. But, if cuts occur to programs and services during a tuition increase, how can a tuition freeze be justified.

According to SGA President Mike Grube, the duration of the action would not be determined by their success in meeting demands. Said Grube: "I think we're going to stay as long as we need to make our point. I think it's important that administration know exactly what our feelings are, and what our demands are." He indicated that there was no pre-conceived time limit to the action and remained optimistic that tuition increase was not a foregone conclusion.

Dr. Paul said the decision whether or not to raise tuition would be discussed at the April Senate meeting. The demonstration ended peacefully Friday at three o'clock when the last dozen occupiers left the President's office, with only the demand of amnesty having been met.

among the other institutions that saw their President's offices over-run by students during this academic year.

Asked if he intended to raise tuition by the proposed 10%, Dr. Paul said things had not been decided yet. He hoped that public discussions, at both Senate and with student associations, would clarify the many budgetary issues facing the university and its student body. Further, he indicated that these discussions are very important for the future, because deregulated tuition is clearly on the current provincial government's agenda.

Dr. Paul hoped that donations to the student bursaries compo-

ing Dr. Paul to resist increasing tuition by a further 10% for the 1997-1998 academic year.

The demonstrators had three demands of Dr. Paul: a commitment to a 0% tuition increase, more student representation on the LU Board of Governors and amnesty for those occupying the President's office as part of the action.

Dr. Paul arrived at his office an hour after it had been occupied. His initial reaction was jovial, even instructing the demonstrators to "have fun", but his tolerance seemed to wane after being informed that the students did not intend to leave.

Dr. Paul expressed his concern to the media that his request for discussions with the student associations on campus did not take place before this action. Said Dr. Paul, "I'd rather have public debate. I sympathize with students - tuition fees are going up all the time, and that's a real problem. On the other hand our grants are still being cut and so we have to balance the picture."

Dr. Paul said that to his understanding, every other university in the province is taking advantage of the increase, and had ominous predictions for LU if it did not follow suit: "We will have to cut another million dollars beyond the several million we already have to cut to balance our budget. So it is a real dilemma." He hoped a "public forum" with students could achieve a

Fun and Frolic at L.U.'s Sit-in of '97



by Remi Gunn
Staff Writer

Hold the tie dye. Forget the folk songs. On Wednesday March 12, members of the Laurentian community began a sit-in, Gen-X style. With a number of homemade banners and a call for a tuition freeze, these protesters sauntered into Laurentian University President Ross Paul's office, staking their territory at the top of the infamous "Ivory Tower". With a touch of apathy, a dash of miscommunication and a generous sprinkle of good intentions, the eleventh floor of the Parker building was transformed into a (somewhat) chaotic meeting-place for any student willing to make the arduous trek up the elevator shaft.

The members of the S.G.A. executive, true to their original plan, left the sit-in at around 10 a.m. on Thursday morning. Other protestors had left during the morning to attend classes or grab a shower, vowing to return. A small group of eight protestors remained, hoping to continue the sit-in until their demands were met.

At about the same time, Ross Paul had the doors from the eleventh floor lobby locked, barring students from joining the protest. Consequently, any students that left the protest would also be barred from returning. It was here that the troubles began.

This lock-out caused a rift between the different factions of students. Many students felt betrayed by the S.G.A., claiming that the student organization had deserted them. They also felt that Ross Paul's actions were an aggressive attempt to divide and weaken the student front. Protestor Colleen McDougall felt that, by locking students out of the protest, the administration was "being more militant in their gestures." The protestors "had no notice whatsoever [of the lockout] . . . We were under the

assumption that it would be a rotating [protest]."

Ross Paul saw the confusion as being the result of miscommunication. "Unfortunately, I think there were some communication problems. . . I understood that this was led by S.G.A. and A.E.F., so we negotiated some terms and conditions. I guess they [the conditions] didn't get communicated to all the people that were there." The main condition "was that people could stay as long as they wanted, but once they left, they were gone. . . We couldn't just have a free flow of students back and forth."

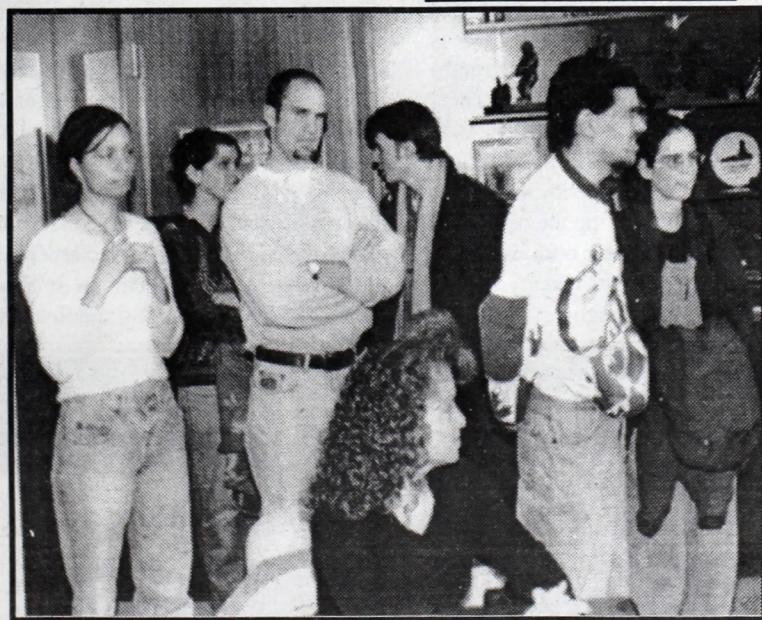
For their part, the S.G.A. and A.E.F. maintained their support for the students left inside. As S.G.A. President Mike Grube said, "We still are very much in support of the students occupying the office as long as it stays peaceful." Grube maintains that they did not desert the students. "We left the office because we are working on other things. We're [pursuing the demands] through negotiations and through internal workings. We're continuing the fight."

Eventually Ross Paul made some concessions and all of the original protestors were allowed to return to the office to continue the sit-in.

In spite of the tension, the protest was still a pretty bold move. A.E.F. Vice-President Francois Marier sees the protest as "a pretty big step for Laurentian students who have traditionally been . . . apathetic."

During the two days of the sit-in, the protestors received support from a number of sources. Faxes and e-mails were sent in from a number of other universities and government officials. Locally, Marriott foods, Country Bagel, Topper's Pizza, Poulton's Independent Grocer and Lockerby Taxi all provided generous assistance, showing that the protest had a community-wide appeal.

The protest lasted until late Friday afternoon when the protestors, feeling that they had made their point, walked out on their own.



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SPACE FOR RANT

Dear Editor,

In celebration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Sudbury Race Relations Committee Inc. invites the public to an evening of Culture Sharing on Friday, March 21 1997 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at Canisius Hall, University of Sudbury.

By sharing our culture and traditions, we come to know each other better and bring harmony and understanding to our world.

Please come prepared to share a part of your culture in the gathering. Food, songs, dance, stories, clothing, books, artifacts, dress - anything that will help us to know each other better will be appreciated. Participants will be invited to share in a very open and relaxed atmosphere. All people, irrespective of their age, colour, ethnic origin or race are welcome to attend.

This celebration takes place in co-operation with CARTA (Coalition Against Racism Towards Aborigines) and the Sudbury Baha'i Community who would be celebrating the Baha'i New Year (Naw Ruz) on that day. Refreshments will be served.

For further information, telephone (705) 523-8293, (705) 524-7926, (705) 524-7519.

Thanking you,

Dev Chakravarty

President, Sudbury Race Relations Committee Inc.

Dear Editor,

This morning, I was listening to the CBC Radio. I heard a bulletin concerning students protesting at Dr. Paul's' office for two reasons.

The first reason, as stated on the news, concerns the fee increase or possibilities thereof. I understand that some students cannot now, nor will they after the fee increase, afford to attend university. I can agree with their reasons for this part of the protest.

The second reason, as stated on the news, concerns representation on Senate. I am ashamed of these students. There exists 14 Senate committees as of March 14, 1997. Of these Senate Committees, there is a grand total of 33 student representatives. There are 5 vacancies for student representation. This information can be located in the "Minutes of the Meeting of the Striking Committee held on Tuesday, May 28, 1996 at 9:00am in the room L302".

It sounds to me as though the students selected for these committees are not sharing their knowledge with their associations or constituents [general student population]. I feel like I am observing déjà vu: a child wants dessert without eating all from his/her place.

How many of you have received a letter in September-October of 1996 informing you that you have been selected as member of a Senate Committee? How many of you feel that your seat on a Senate Committee is not important and do not present yourself at the monthly meetings?

I am a part-time student representative on two Senate Committees. I have attended all meetings for both Committees, and Sub-Committees as necessary, and have noticed a lack. One representative of SGA has attended one meeting for one of the Senate Committee since September. No other student representative has appeared for either of the two Senate Committees' monthly meetings.

I strongly suggest some soul-searching be done before camping in the President's office again.

Sonia B. Inkster

Frustrated Student Representative on Senate Committees.

Dear Editor,

I fully enjoyed your feature on "Men's Health Problems". It has enlightened me and my husband. As an avid reader of yours, I congratulate you on this feature. I hope many men read this; it will take away some of their fears and questions.

Avid reader

Dear Lambda

Thank you so much for your BRILLIANT issue on Vegetarianism. It was brought to my attention by Dr. Viswanathan in the School of Social Work. He has been trying to raise the awareness of the Laurentian U. population regarding this concern for years.

I am no longer a student at Laurentian (graduated in 1991) but I have been a vegetarian for years. My interest started 22 years ago when I read *Diet for a Small Planet* and *Food First*. A few years ago I read *Diet for a New America* and *Food for Life*. Things are certainly not changing for the better w.r.t diet, ecology, cancer rates, respect for other species, ect, eh?!

But Good News! There is now a vegetarian Co-op in Sudbury. It is coordinated by Chantalle Laroche (522-3058). Membership is only \$15 per year and this gives you 10% off at a number of healthy food stores and restaurants AND the privilege of buying non-perishable food in bulk through the coop.

Also, Village International Sudbury (671-2648) has a library on vegetarian issues, but to be honest, your articles in Lambda 35-20 are so good, folks new to the scene won't have to read any farther.

Best Wishes and again, Many Thanks!

Jan Carrie Steven

Dear Editor,

I am responding to the letter in last weeks issue of Lambda regarding the CD reviews written by Mat Thompson, my assistant. To answer the first question, I "found" this guy through a mutual friend who expressed Mat's interest in writing for the paper. In the six months I have worked with him, I have found him to be enthusiastic, dedicated and, yes, opinionated. However, there is nothing wrong with having an opinion, in fact, I would be upset if Mat did not express his views in the paper because they are often very insightful, funny and valuable to the entertainment section and Lambda as a whole.

In response to the question, "What did he base his opinion on?" my guess would be the opinion was based on what he heard when he pressed "play" on his CD player. The "Live" CD was not one we received in the office and therefore we had no biographical information to include in the review. As the section editor, I apologize for offending any "Live" fans by not realizing there was an error.

If you have a problem with the way the CD reviews are handled in the Entertainment section, I would like to see you do better. If you have a CD (old or new—not just new CD's are good CD's) that you wish to review, by all means, write one and drop it off in SCE 301. Mat is not wrong in having an opinion about the music he listens to, just as I am not wrong for thinking the movie Fargo was a big fat dud. Opinions are like assholes, we all have them and we all think each other's stink.

Tara D'Angelo

Entertainment Editor

Lambda's 1997-1998 Elections

Elections for Assistant Editor, News Editor, Entertainment Editor, Photo Editor, Sports Editor, Features Editor, Rédacteur (trice) Français (e), Circulation Director, Two (2) Production Directors, and Office Manager, will be held on April 4, 1997 with nominations opening March 21, 1997 and nominations closing March 27, 1997. In order to run for one of these positions, you must be a Lambda staff member by March 15, 1997.

The Assistant Editor is in charge of staff relations and personnel. This person organizes conferences and seminars for the staff as well as for the students of Laurentian University. This person may be called upon to temporarily hold the position of Editor-in-Chief should the need arise. An honorarium will be paid.

The News Editor is in charge of assigning, collecting and editing articles for the news department on a weekly basis. They are expected to assist in production by laying the pages out and being available to the production directors when necessary as well as contributing to the writing of articles should the need arise. An honorarium will be paid.

The Entertainment Editor is in charge of assigning, collecting and editing articles for the entertainment department on a weekly basis. They are expected to assist in production by laying the pages out and being available to the production directors when necessary as well as contributing to the writing of articles should the need arise. An honorarium will be paid.

The Photo Editor is in charge of assigning, collecting and developing photos for the newspaper on a weekly basis. They are expected to be available to the production directors when necessary as well as taking photos themselves should the need arise. An honorarium will be paid.

The Rédacteur (trice) français (e) is in charge of assigning, collecting and editing articles for the French Department on a weekly basis. They are expected to assist in production by laying the pages out and being available to the production directors when necessary as well as contributing to the writing of articles should the need arise. An honorarium will be paid.

The Features Editor is in charge of assigning, collecting, writing and editing features for the newspaper on a monthly basis. They are expected to assist in production by laying the pages out and being available to the production directors when necessary. An honorarium will be paid.

The Circulation Director is in charge of the distribution of the paper on campus as well as in the city of Sudbury on a weekly basis. This person is expected to develop new circulation points within the city, Access to a vehicle is a necessity. Mileage, as well as an honorarium will be paid.

The Two (2) Production Directors must be available on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as other times during the week. They are responsible for laying out pages in PageMaker and on the flats. Creative abilities are essential in making the newspaper a unique experience for the readers. An honorarium will be paid.

The Office manager is responsible for mailing the papers to other universities as well as local businesses. This person must occupy the position of Secretary of the Lambda Staff meetings and will be responsible for maintaining all archives of Lambda including past issues, minutes, and financial statements of Lambda Publications.

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Tales from the Left

by Ray Marks
columnist

Last week a group of students occupied L.U.'s President's office and I'm proud to say that I was one of them. The point of the occupation was a show of force to tell the administration that we don't want our tuition to increase by 10% next year.

In February, the provincial government announced that universities will have the option to increase its tuition fees by 10%. A smart move on their part. While they continue to cut grants to post-secondary education, the Tories would like the blame to rest with the universities for a

while. After the mandatory 10% hike and optional additional 10% (that most universities took), Snobelen and his gang didn't want to look like the bad guys.

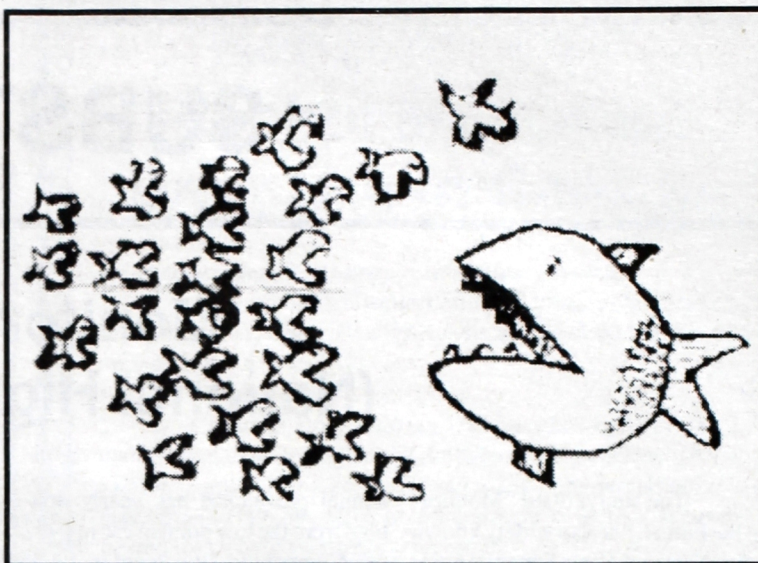
Therefore, to let the blame to be passed along to another level (university administrations), they gave them the option. The sad reality is that universities are in rough shape. The budgets keep decreasing, services and courses are being eliminated and enrollment is dropping. The amount of students is decreasing and the universities are having to promote themselves much more to be able to attract those students.

I don't believe that competition is necessarily a bad thing but it shouldn't have a place in an education system. Ontario is slipping towards an American-style university

system where there is a clear definition between the have's and the have-not's. The question the universities are asking themselves is whether or not a 10% increase will actually make a difference.

Of course it will, because that 10% amounts to approximately \$330. For many students that is one month's rent or two months of groceries. We are having a hard time as it is to try to survive and receive a good education so we can become contributing members of society. That is the object behind working hard to receive your degree. But the federal and provincial governments want it to be harder that it should be.

Tuition wouldn't exist if our society actually really believed in its future. It's strange to see so many other countries that are worse off



than Canada not have tuition fees. But this isn't a perfect world and we must all bear some of the responsibility. But even responsibility has a point of no return that we must avoid if we can.

It's a dangerous trend to set if

we force students to graduate with overwhelming debts or to take part-time jobs and concentrate less time on their studies. Show Ross Paul that we won't stand for another tuition fee increase. We can't let this bring us down and must value our education.

The Amiable Librarian

This column is based on questions or suggestions received by staff members of the Desmarais Library either personally or on the "Compliments / Questions / Suggestions" form that may be filled out near the exit of the Library.

Question: So what's the Library doing about hour problems?

Reply: The Library is very concerned about your problems and especially those revolving around when the facility is available. Here's the drill: during the month of March, the building will be closed: March 28 (Good Friday); March 30 (Easter Sunday) and March 31 (Easter Monday). However, it will be open normal hours (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) on March 29 (Good Saturday).

The decision to stay closed Monday was taken to allow longer opening hours during the exam period. Beginning Monday April 7, the facility will be open an extra hour each night, Monday through Thursday until 11:00 p.m. and this extension will apply the week of the 14th and the 21st, although on the 24th, the last day of exams, the Desmarais will shut at 7:30 p.m.

Question: Why is the Regional Collection downstairs in the Archives. The place is never open. How can you work when the books are off limits? If you don't move the collection, at least allow people to take the books out. What good are they if you can't use them?

Reply: It is the Library's goal to collect a copy of everything published about Northern Ontario and have it available on its premises, for when you think about it, if the Desmarais Library does not have such a collection, who else in the region would? Because of the uniqueness of the collection it must be made secure and that is the reason it is stored in the Archives. By the way, for items that may be heavily used, extra copies are obtained for circulation. A good example is *Sudbury: Rail Town to Regional Capitol*, edited by Carl Wallace and Ashley Thomson which is available in both the Regional and the Circulating Collections. Incidentally

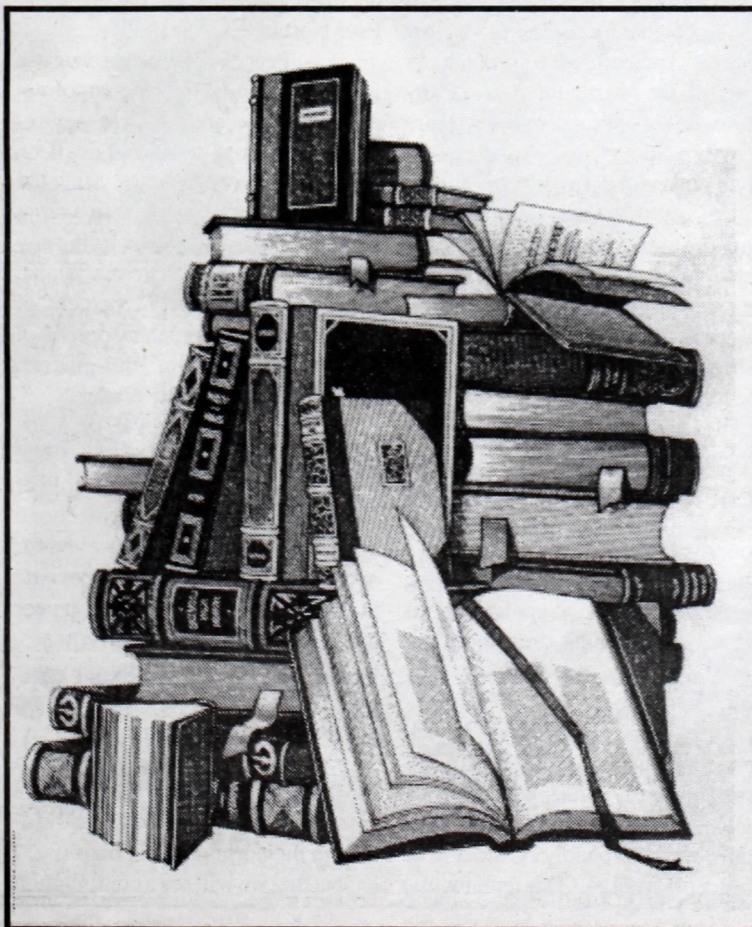
it may also be purchased in the book store and it would make a wonderful graduation present for yourself, always there to bring back memories of the city in which Laurentian University is located.

Because the Regional Circulation is in the Archives, it is subject to the operating hours of the facility. Just now, the Archives is a one person operation, and until that changes, the collection may only be accessed Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you cannot visit the premises during that time, it is possible to request that one or two items in the regional Collection be held for you at the Reserve Desk. Not the best solution certainly, but one that seems to work for others.

Question: As a graduate student, I don't appreciate being threatened about losing my "privileges" in this library. It is almost impossible to take all my research sources, computer ect. with me every time I use one of "your" rooms. We pay for them and use them for our educa-

tion. A person must eat, sleep and do other things than stay in that particular room. I think you should accommodate the needs of students here rather than stand in the way.

Reply: Ouch. It sounds as though you are really frustrated. While the Amiable Librarian doesn't expect the following comments will satisfy you, hopefully they will shed some light on the restrictions that the library must operate under. First, some graduate students such as yourself have been assigned individual rooms such as you might like in a first come first served basis. These rooms are monitored for use and if a student just lets the room sit, the next person on the list is assigned to it. Second, a small number of grad rooms are also assigned on a first come first served basis each day. There is a high demand for these rooms and not all requests can be accommodated. That is why you were out of luck on occasion. Basically it's a case of a huge demand exceeding a small supply. Given these limitations, can you suggest what else the library can do?



Correction

Lambda wishes to apologize to the L.U. Engineering Society for the omission in last week's story "*Engineers more than purple arms and drink fests*". Once again, here are the sponsors who made this trip possible for the engineers.

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Monitoring the Future Study (National High School Drug Use Study)

The study, titled "Monitoring the Future," is also widely known as the National High School Senior Survey. It has been conducted under a series of research grants from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Surveys have been carried out each year since 1975 by the University of Michigan Survey Research Center. In 1995, the seniors comprised about 16,000 students in 144 public and private high schools nationwide, selected to be representative of all seniors in the continental United States. They completed self-administered questionnaires given to them in their classrooms by U-M personnel in the spring of the year. Beginning in 1991, similar surveys of nationally representative samples of eighth- and 10th-graders have been conducted annually. The 1995 eighth-grade sample contained about 18,000 students in 152 schools, and the 10th-grade sample contained about 17,000 students in 139 schools. In all, approximately 50,000 students in 435 public and private secondary schools were surveyed in 1995.

Drug use rises again in 1995 among American teens. The use of drugs among American secondary school students rose again in 1995, continuing a trend that began in 1991 among eighth-grade students, and in 1992 among 10th- and 12th-graders, according to scientists at the University of Michigan.

The proportion of eighth-graders taking any illicit drug in the 12 months prior to the survey has almost doubled since 1991 (from 11 percent to 21 percent). Since 1992 the proportion using any illicit drugs in the prior 12 months has risen by nearly two-thirds among 10th-graders (from 20 percent to 33 percent) and by nearly half among 12th-graders (from 27 percent to 39 percent).

The findings are from the Monitoring the Future Study, a series of annual surveys of some 50,000 students in over 400 public and private secondary schools nationwide. The U-M investigators who have directed the study for the 21 years of its existence are social scientists Lloyd Johnston, Jerald Bachman and Patrick O'Malley—all faculty at the U-M's Survey Research Center. The work is supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, one of the National Institutes of Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In 1995, marijuana use, in particular, continued the strong resurgence that began in the early 1990s, with increased use at all three grade levels. Among eighth-graders, annual prevalence (i.e., the proportion reporting any use in the 12 months prior to the survey) has risen to two-and-one-half times its level in 1991, from 6 percent in 1991 to 16 percent in 1995. Among 10th-graders,

annual prevalence has nearly doubled from the low point in use in 1992 of 15 percent to 29 percent in 1995; among 12th-graders annual prevalence has increased by more than half, from the low point of 22 percent in 1992 to 35 percent in 1995.

"Of particular concern is the continuing rise in daily marijuana use," observes Johnston. Nearly one in 20 (4.6 percent) of today's high school seniors is a current daily marijuana user, and roughly one in every 35 10th-graders (2.8 percent). Fewer than one in a hundred eighth-graders use at that level (0.8 percent). These rates have risen sharply as overall marijuana use has increased.

The investigators found that while marijuana use has shown the sharpest increase, the use of a number of other illicit drugs, including LSD, hallucinogens other than LSD, amphetamines, stimulants, and inhalants, has also continued to drift upward.

The use of LSD continued to rise in all three grade levels in 1995, continuing longer-term increases that began at least as far back as 1991. The proportions reporting any LSD use in the 12 months prior to the 1995 survey were 3 percent, 7 percent, and 8 percent for eighth-, 10th-, and 12th-graders, respectively.

Hallucinogens other than LSD, taken as a class, showed smaller increases in 1995 at all three grade levels. The annual prevalence rates for eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders are considerably lower than for LSD: 2 percent, 3 percent, and 4 percent, respectively.

The longer-term rise in the use of amphetamine stimulants continued in 1995 at the eighth- and 10th-grade levels, but use leveled among 12th-graders. Annual prevalence rates are 9 percent, 12 percent, and 9 percent for grades eight, 10, and 12, respectively.

The use of cocaine in any form continued a gradual upward climb, though most of the one-year changes do not reach statistical significance. The same is true for crack cocaine. So far, at least, these increases have been very gradual. The annual prevalence rates for use of cocaine in any form are 2.6 percent, 3.5 percent, and 4 percent for grades eight, 10, and 12, respectively; while for crack use they are 1.6 percent, 1.8 percent, and 2.1 percent.

Several other classes of illicit drugs also have been showing very gradual increases since the early 1990s, including tranquilizers and three drug classes reported only for 12th-graders—barbiturates, ice (crystal methamphetamine), and opiates other than heroin.

Questions about heroin use have been in the study from the beginning and have generally shown low (and for many years among 12th-graders, stable) rates of use.

However, use began to rise after 1991 among 10th- and 12th-graders, and after 1993 among eighth-graders, as well. There was a statistically significant increase in annual heroin prevalence among eighth-graders in 1994, and then among 12th-graders in 1995. All three grades showed some increase in both years. While the annual prevalence rates for heroin remain quite low in 1995 compared to most other drugs, they are nevertheless two to three times higher than they had been a few years ago. The annual prevalence rates in 1995 are between 1.1 percent and 1.4 percent at all three grade levels.

The small increase in heroin use in 1994 led the investigators to distinguish in half of the 1995 questionnaires between two different methods for taking heroin: with a needle and without a needle. Their hypothesis was that non-injection forms of use (e.g., snorting or smoking) may be accounting for the rise in overall use. Consistent with this hypothesis, in 1995 a large proportion of those reporting heroin use indicated that at least some of their use involved a non-injection method of administration (63 percent, 75 percent, and 89 percent of the past-year heroin users in grades eight, 10, and 12, respectively). Further, a substantial proportion indicated using heroin only in a non-injectable form (32 percent, 45 percent, and 57 percent of the past-year heroin users for grades eight, 10, and 12, respectively).

"Obviously this is not a runaway epidemic among teens, but it should give rise to some caution," Johnston comments. "Many of these young users may be under the misconception that they cannot become addicted to heroin if they use it in a non-injectable form. The fact is that they can. In Southeast Asia and other parts of the world there are many thousands of opium smokers who are heavily addicted, and heroin is simply a powerful derivative of opium."

"While these levels of illicit drug use are certainly reason for concern," observes Johnston, "it should be noted that they are still well below the peak levels attained in the late 1970s. We are in a relapse phase in the longer-term epidemic, if you will, but it is certainly not something over which society is powerless. Our great progress in the past at lowering the rates of illicit drug use among our young people is proof of that." To illustrate, between 1979 and 1992, the proportion of 12th graders reporting using any illicit drug in the 12 months prior to the survey fell by half, from 54 percent to 27 percent.

Alcohol use among American secondary students generally has remained fairly stable in the past few years, though at rates which most adults would probably consider to be unacceptably high. (This remains true

in 1995, although there has been some small increase among 12th-graders over the past two years.) In 1995 the proportions of students having five or more drinks in a row during the two weeks preceding the survey were 15 percent, 24 percent, and 30 percent for the eighth-, 10th-, and 12th-graders, respectively.

Perceived Risks

Beliefs about the harmfulness of the various drugs have proven to be very important determinants of use. The proportions of students seeing drugs as dangerous continued to decline in 1995. There was a sharp decline in the perceived risk of using marijuana—a decline which generally began after 1991 at all three grade levels. For example, while 79 percent of the 12th-graders in 1991 thought that regular marijuana users run a "great risk" of harming themselves physically or in other ways, by 1995 only 61 percent of 12th-graders felt that way.

There also was a decline in the perceived dangers of using crack cocaine and cocaine powder at all three grade levels. This decline began after 1991 among eighth- and 10th-graders and after 1992 among 12th-graders.

The perceived dangers of LSD use also continued to decline in 1995—a decline which began among 12th-graders after 1991. Only 12th-graders are asked about the perceived risk for a number of other drugs, and the risk associated with many of them has been declining as well, including amphetamines, ice (crystal methamphetamine), and barbiturates. The proportions of 12th-graders seeing a great risk in using heroin peaked in 1990 and has declined gradually since then.

Peer Norms

Peer disapproval of drug use is also considered to be an important deterrent to use, and the norms against using illicit drugs generally have been softening in recent years. Still, the great majority of American young people disapprove of even trying any illicit drugs other than marijuana. Even for marijuana, 71 percent of eighth-graders in 1995 disapprove of trying it, 60 percent of 10th-graders, and 57 percent of 12th-graders.

Peer disapproval of marijuana use continued to decline in 1995, though at a decelerating pace. Peer disapproval of LSD use also declined at all three grade levels. However, for cocaine powder and crack cocaine there was no further slippage in peer disapproval among 12th-graders, though the declines of the previous two to three years continued among eighth- and 10th-graders.

"As long as we are seeing erosion in the dangers youngsters believe to be associated with these drugs, and erosion in the norms against their use, I expect that we will see a continuation

of the increase in drug use," Johnston cautions.

Causes of the Increase:

There are several reasons that today's young people are becoming more accepting of drug use and less worried about its consequences, according to Johnston. "First, we have to think of this problem as a dynamic one, in which new classes of young people are replacing previous ones who knew more about drugs and their adverse effects," he says. "Teens from a decade ago knew more about drugs because there were more people around them who were users, and they could observe the effects of drug use first hand, or, in the case of public figures, through the media. They were also hearing a lot more about drugs from the news and through public service announcements. News reports on the subject of drugs plummeted after the buildup to the Gulf War, and media coverage of anti-drug ads has declined substantially."

"Also, parents of a decade ago may have been more likely than today's parents to talk to their children about drugs, because more of today's parents actually used drugs when they were teens and may feel hypocritical telling their own teens not to use. "This aspect of generational replacement—of today's teens knowing less than the teens they replaced—I call 'generational forgetting.'"

"At the same time that today's teens are hearing and seeing less about the consequences of use, they also are receiving more encouragement to use," Johnston continues. "Many rap, grunge, and rock bands now have marijuana and other drug themes in their lyrics, and display their pro-drug leanings at rock concerts. In addition, many public proponents of legalization try to minimize the consequences of drugs—in particular, marijuana—in order to support their policy conclusions. The net result is that the balance of messages that kids are receiving has changed appreciably. They hear fewer cautions, more reassurance about the safety of drugs, and somewhat more encouragement to use."

The investigators also point out that cigarette smoking is strongly correlated with the use of marijuana, and suggest that the upturn in cigarette smoking during the past four to five years may well have contributed to the increase in marijuana use over the same period. Because cigarette smoking usually precedes marijuana use and teaches youngsters how to take smoke into their lungs to secure a drug-induced effect, it provides an excellent training ground for learning how to smoke marijuana."

Monitoring the Future Study National High School Drug Use Study

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Cigarette smoking among American
teens rises again in 1995.

Reporting on their 21st national survey of American secondary school students, scientists at the University of Michigan Survey Research Center have found that cigarette smoking rose again in 1995 among youth. This is the fourth year in a row of increase for eighth- and 10th-graders, and the third year in a row for high school seniors.

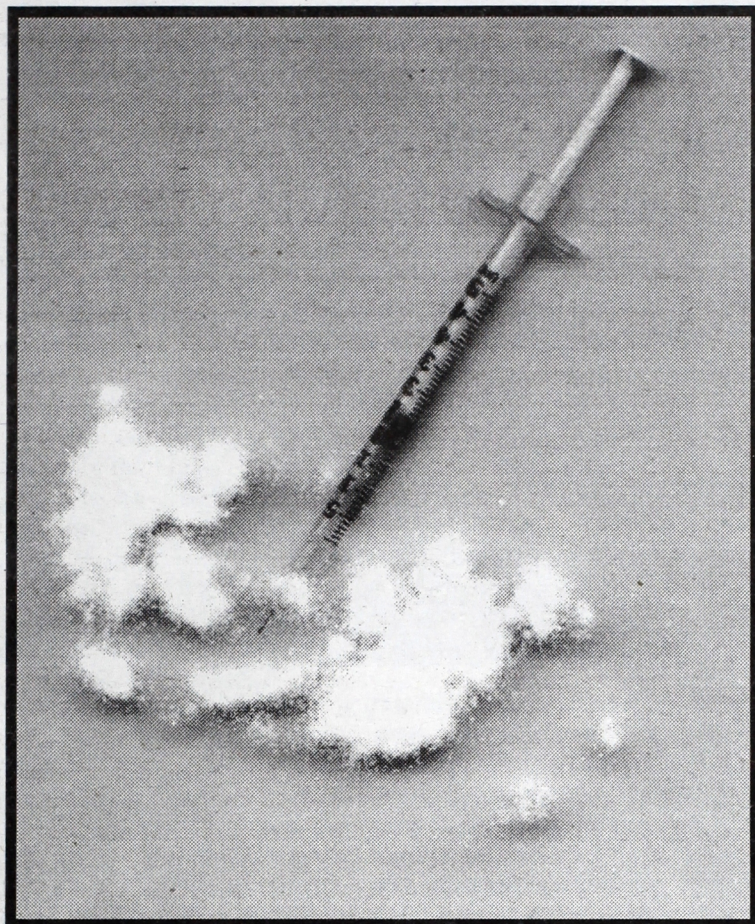
Among both eighth- and 10th-graders, the proportion who reported smoking in the 30 days prior to the survey has increased by one-third since 1991. Some 19 percent of the eighth-graders and 28 percent of the 10th-graders now report such use. Since 1992, the smoking rate has risen by more than one-fifth among high school seniors, with one in three (34 percent) now saying they smoked in the 30 days prior to the survey.

These findings derive from the Monitoring the Future Study, which has been conducted for more than two decades at the U-M's Survey Research Center by U-M social scientists Lloyd Johnston, Jerald Bachman and Patrick O'Malley. The study is funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, one of the National Institutes of Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Some 50,000 students in over 400 public and private secondary schools participate each year.

The investigators note that peer disapproval of cigarette smoking has dropped over the past several years, and that the proportion of students who see smoking as dangerous has been declining since 1993. "When it comes to the dangers of smoking, a lot of young people just don't seem to get it," says Johnston. Among the eighth-graders, fewer than one-half think there is a "great risk" to smoking a pack-or-more a day. While this proportion climbs somewhat with age, by 12th-grade still less than two-thirds believe there is "great risk" in smoking. Johnston continues, "For reasons that may confound a great many adults, a large number of young people seem to feel reassured about the safety of smoking, particularly in the early teens, which is when a great many of them actually begin smoking."

Cigarettes are readily available to these underage youngsters. Among the eighth-graders, most of whom are 13- or 14-years-old, three-quarters (76 percent) say they can get cigarettes fairly easily if they want them. By 10th-grade over 90 percent say they can. This widespread availability has remained unchanged over the past four years.

"These increases in smoking among our children are very broad," states Johnston, "occurring among virtually all social classes, all regions of the country, communities of all sizes, those who do and do not plan to attend college, boys as well as



girls, and so on. This suggests that there are culture-wide forces leading to these substantial increases."

Johnston offers several suggestions about what these forces might be. "It's impossible to ignore the advertising and promotion of cigarettes, when these activities are as massive and pervasive as they are. The tobacco industry now spends on the order of six billion dollars per year trying to induce and reward the use of its products. Further, the nature of this advertising and promotion has become particularly attractive to children and adolescents."

"Nor can we ignore the widespread and from my observation, rapidly growing portrayal of smoking in the entertainment industry, particularly in the movies, but also off-screen. After all, entertainers are important role models for American youngsters. They help define what's in and what's out, what's commonly accepted behavior and what's not, what's cool and what isn't."

"It is my hope that public figures who serve as role models for our children will give more consideration to the likely consequences of their actions with regard to smoking, especially in entertainment programming. I hold a similar hope for writers, directors, producers, and studio executives, all of whom help to call the shots."

According to the investigators, increased smoking rates will have severe, lifelong consequences for this generation of young people because a large proportion of those who initiate smoking in adolescence will continue to smoke for the rest of their lives. Many 12th-graders have already tried unsuccessfully to quit.

"Many young lives will be permanently affected by the popularity of cigarette smoking during childhood and adolescence. Many will be foreshortened, and hundreds of thousands of each graduating class may die prematurely as a result of their current smoking rates. More will fall

ill with the terrible diseases associated with smoking.

"The issue is simply too important to treat as business as usual. When today's generations of adults were growing up, society did not fully comprehend the dangers of cigarette smoking. As a result, smoking flourished, and nearly half-a-million Americans now lose their lives prematurely every year. This means that nearly half-a-million families are robbed of a loved one each year, as well."

"Today, however, we know about these deadly consequences, so we lack the excuse of ignorance for failing to prevent millions of children in future generations from developing the smoking habit and in many cases, the addiction while they are still children. There is simply no good reason that future generations should pay such a terrible price."

The study, titled "Monitoring the Future," was also widely known as the National High School Senior Survey. It has been conducted under a series of research grants from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Surveys have been carried out each year since 1975 by the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research's Survey Research Center. In 1995, the seniors comprised about 16,000 in 144 public and private high schools nationwide, selected to be representative of all seniors in the continental United States. They completed self-administered questionnaires given to them in their classrooms by U-M personnel in the spring of the year. Beginning in 1991, similar surveys of nationally representative samples of eighth- and 10th-graders have been conducted annually. The 1995 eighth-grade sample contained about 18,000 students in 152 schools, and the 10th-grade sample contained about 17,000 students in 139 schools. In all, approximately 50,000 students in about 435 public and private secondary schools are now surveyed annually.

Horizons 1994 Alcohol and Other Drug Use in Canada

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Executive Summary

Canada's Drug Strategy was launched by the federal government in May 1987 in collaboration with the 10 provincial and two territorial governments and many nongovernment organizations. The objective of the partners is to reduce harm caused by alcohol and other drug use.

Horizons 1994: Alcohol and Other Drug Use in Canada is the first research-based publication to emerge since the Strategy entered its second phase in 1992. The publication is one of the most current and comprehensive views to date of knowledge about alcohol and other drug use and related health and social problems in Canada. It also examines work of potentially national significance in all of the provinces and territories with people at particular risk of harm: women, Métis, Inuit and off-reserve aboriginal peoples, out-of-the-mainstream youth, seniors, and impaired drivers.

Who Drinks?

Fewer Canadians are drinking alcohol. The proportion of people 15 years and older who say in various national surveys that they drink dropped to 74.4% in the 1993 General Social Survey (GSS) from 79.0% in the 1991 GSS. In 1993, 18.0% said they had quit drinking, and 7.7% had never drunk. Men are more likely than women to drink (80.6% vs. 68.4%), and younger people more likely than older (84.6% of those 20 to 24 years old vs. 43.0% of those 65 years and more). Unemployed people, however, are less likely than those working to report drinking in the past year (75.2% vs. 82.7%).

Who Smokes?

Rates of cigarette smoking have declined substantially in recent years, but 29% of Canadians aged 15 and older still smoke regularly, with Quebec and Newfoundland having the highest proportion of smokers (34% and 32% respectively) and Ontario and British Columbia the lowest (27% and 26% respectively). Health Canada has been monitoring smoking rates since cigarette prices were reduced. Early results indicate a slight increase in the number of young people (aged 15-19) smoking but no overall change in the amount smoked.

Licit Drugs

In 1993, more than two of every three Canadians aged 15 and older (69.8%) reported using ASA (Aspirin) in the month before the survey. Quebecers were least likely to use ASA (59.1%), and people in Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia were most likely (about 75% each). Narcotic pain relievers, such as codeine, Demerol (meperidine), and morphine, are the most frequently used type of prescription drugs (8.2%), with use highest in British Columbia (12.4%) and lowest in Québec (3.2%). About 4% of Canadians aged 15 and older - one in 25 - reported using sleeping pills, and 3.8% reported using tranquilizers. Of all of the provinces, Québec has the highest reported levels of use of sleeping pills (6.1%) and tranquilizers (7.4%).

Illicit Drugs

In 1993, about one million Canadians (4.2%) aged 15 or older reported use of marijuana in the past year; use is highest in British Columbia and lowest in Saskatchewan.

At-Risk Groups

Data on at-risk populations are limited nationally and rarely comparable region to region, but knowledge is emerging from research projects and programs across the country. Review of work in the provinces and territories - west to east - highlights findings about at-risk populations and provides glimpses of some of the diverse regional forces - social, geographical, and historical - that help shape the larger picture of alcohol- and other drug-related harm in Canada.

Issues and Challenges

The Drug Strategy is complex and challenging, but there is growing acknowledgement and understanding of some of the difficulties. Researchers and other contributors to this document refer to a range of issues: difficulties around gathering the data and developing new knowledge; around getting the information out to the people who need it and in the language and format in which they need it; around reconciling research imperatives with the requirements of policymakers; and, for the treatment worker and program person, around translating what is new and useful into action in the community. With understanding of some of the problems comes progress.

Student Use of Most Drugs Reaches Highest Level in Nine Years- More report getting "very high, bombed, or stoned"

Washington, Sept. 25 - More than one in four high school seniors (26.5%) used an illicit drug once a month or more often during the past school year, and when they used drugs they got more intoxicated than ever.

Nearly one in five 12th graders (18.3%) used an illicit drug weekly or more. Almost one in ten (8.4%) used daily. More than a quarter admitted weekly alcohol use (25.8%). In addition, 7.1% used cocaine in the past year; 11.6% used uppers; 12.1% used hallucinogens, and 3.5% used heroin.

In its ninth annual survey of students in grades 6-12, PRIDE (National Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education) reported that annual use of most drugs was at the highest level since the survey began in 1987-88. Record percentages of use were reported for the following drug categories: cigarettes, marijuana, cocaine, uppers, downers, inhalants, and hallucinogens.

Only three drug categories have ever shown higher levels of use in the PRIDE Survey: beer, wine coolers, and liquor. (Heroin was added as a drug category in 1995-96.) Overall, for grades 6-12, PRIDE found that 29.5% of all students surveyed reported annual use of at least one illicit drug, compared with 18.6% in 1987-88, an increase of 58.6%.

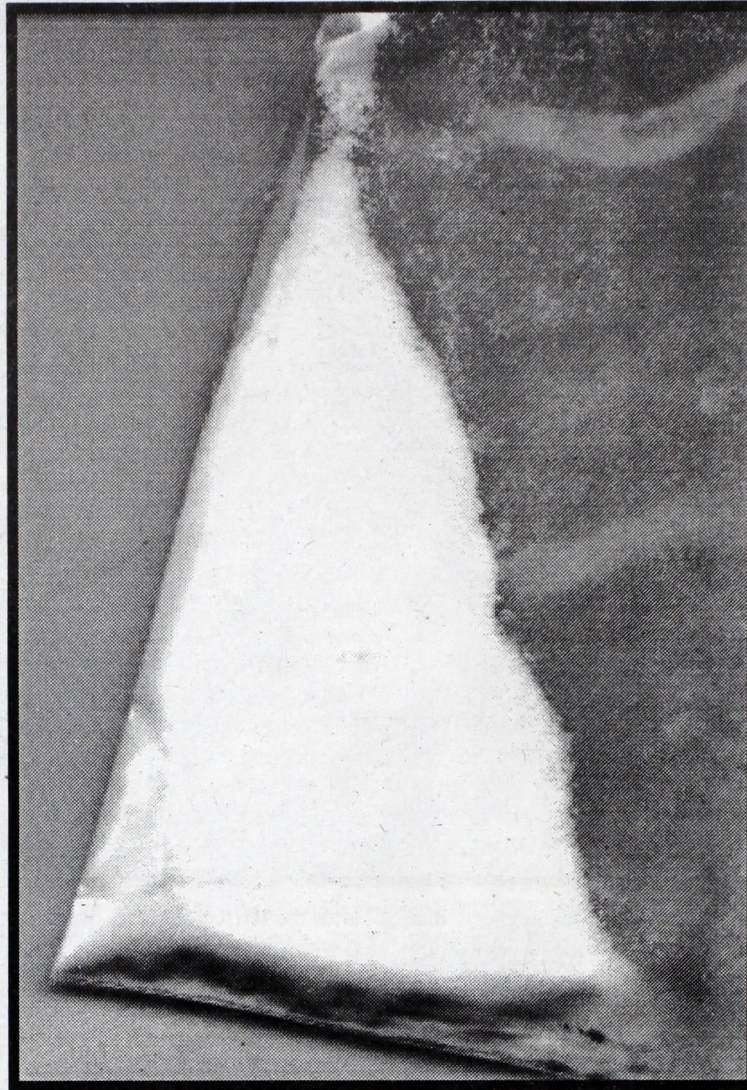
Annual use of any illicit drug increased from 24.0% in 1994-95 to 29.5% 1995-96, a one-year increase of 22.9%. On a monthly basis, use of any illicit drug by students in grades 6-12 rose from 10.6% in 1987-88 to 18.3% in 1995-96, an increase of 72.6%. Fewer students than ever say parents warn them. Despite these alarming statistics, the percentage of students who said their parents talk to

them often or a lot about the problems of alcohol and other drugs plunged to the lowest level in the six years that the question has appeared on the survey instrument (29.6% in 1995-96 vs. 40.3% in 1990-91, a drop of 26.6%).

Students are not receiving drug warnings from their peers. Only 11.7% said their friends talk to them regularly about the problems of drugs, compared to 10.7% in 1990-91, a slight improvement. By contrast, 88.9% said their teachers have taught them about drug dangers. When parents warn their children about drugs, use is lower. For example, among students who said they never hear from their parents on the subject of drugs, 35.5% reported using an illicit drug in the past year. That number fell to 26.6% for those whose parents spoke "a lot."

Schools are a least likely place of drug use. Compounding the problem that fewer parents talk to their children about drugs than before, is the fact that most drug use occurs when and where parents are in charge. Among five choices (home, friend's home, car, other place, and school), students said a school building is the last place they use drugs. For example, among 6-12th graders, 16.8% said they smoked marijuana at a friend's home, 13.9% said they smoked at some other place in the community; 10.3% said they smoked in a car; 8.2% said in their own home; and 4.2% said in school. Students said they used drugs mostly at night and on weekends, again when parents are in charge.

"Students are getting more guidance about drugs from their teachers than from their parents and friends, and they are using drugs far



more often at home, in cars, and at places in the community other than schools. School is the most drug-preventive, drug-free place in town," said Thomas J. Gleaton, president of PRIDE.

When they use, students are getting higher than ever besides more students using drugs more frequently, more students in 1995-96 reported

getting "very high, bombed, or stoned" when they used drugs. Nearly three-fourths of seniors (73.6%) said they get very high when they smoke marijuana, versus 62.8% who responded the same way in 1987-88.

Users of beer, cocaine, uppers, inhalants, and hallucinogens also said they were getting higher today than nine years ago. "This is not so-called 'recreational' use. This is marijuana, cocaine, heroin, LSD, and amphetamines. This is not experimentation. This is monthly, weekly, and daily use. This is a human tragedy," said Doug Hall, executive director of PRIDE.

Today's report marks the fifth straight year of rising drug use reported by PRIDE. The PRIDE Survey has been reported annually since

the 1987-88 school year. The responses of 129,560 students in 26 states from New York to California were included in the survey, making it the largest student survey in the nation, and the first to report drug use for the 1995-96 school year. Marijuana users deeply involved in other drugs among all students studied 29.5% said they used an illicit drug in the past year, and 24.8% said they smoked marijuana. However, most marijuana users in the study also drank alcohol, and used other dangerous drugs at very high rates. Among monthly marijuana users, 69% also drank liquor monthly versus 7.4% of non-marijuana users; 13% used cocaine monthly versus one-tenth of a percent of non-users; and 19% used hallucinogens monthly versus two-tenths of a percent for non-users.

In the past year, the sharpest increase came in junior high marijuana use (grades 6-8) which rose from 9.5% annual use in 1994-95 to 13.6% in 1995-96, a 43% increase. Nearly a tenth of the junior high (8.1%) said they used marijuana on a monthly basis or more, up from 5.7% in the previous year.

Use was highest in the senior class with 37.9% smoking marijuana on an annual basis, 24.3% monthly or more, 16.6% weekly or more, and 7.3% daily. "One stunning consequence of marijuana use is that a fifth of the Class of '96 who smoke marijuana weekly will find it difficult, if not impossible, to pass a pre-employment drug test," Hall said. "And that says nothing about the negative health consequences of this drug use."

Methodology

The study was conducted during the 1995-96 school year and involved 129,560 students from 26 states. The PRIDE Survey represents data from sixth through twelfth grade students conducted between September and June of the school year. Participating schools are sent the PRIDE Questionnaire with explicit instructions for administering the anonymous, self report instrument.

Alcohol

Alcohol is available in a wide range of drinks from beers and lagers to spirits such as whisky and brandy. Drinks have differing strengths but the type of alcohol they contain is exactly the same; it is known as ethyl alcohol or ethanol. Many new drinks are very high in alcohol even though they may not taste as though they are. The amount of alcohol they contain should be shown on the bottle or can as a figure known as ABV (Alcohol By Volume). A 'normal' strength beer may have a strength of 3.7% ABV, some ciders have a strength of 9% ABV.

Alcohol is absorbed into the bloodstream and has an effect within five or ten minutes. The effect can last for several hours, depending on the amount consumed.

Women absorb alcohol more quickly than men because their bodies contain less water. The water dilutes the alcohol and so the same amount of alcohol will produce a higher concentration in the blood. Women are therefore more susceptible to the effects of alcohol.

How much effect a drink has depends on: the amount of alcohol consumed; a unit is 8 grammes of pure alcohol,

roughly equivalent to half a pint of ordinary strength beer or lager or cider, a standard glass of wine or a pub measure of spirits; how quickly it is drunk; whether there's food in the stomach; body weight, personality and surroundings of the drinkers.

Because just a few drinks reduce physical and mental functioning, the commonest danger is injury, for instance from falling or being involved in road traffic accidents. In 1990, 15 percent of all pedestrians killed in road accidents had a blood alcohol level over the legal limit for driving. In extreme cases drinking an excessive amount over a short period - binge drinking - may result in death from choking on vomit while unconscious or from the toxic effects of an excessive amount of alcohol, or from an accident.

The withdrawal effects (which contribute towards a 'hangover') after just a single bout of drinking can be unpleasant.

Alcohol is one of the drugs most likely to be taken at the same time as another. Mixing alcohol with any other depressant drug increase its effects and dangers because much lower doses of each will cause death than would normally be the case.

The long term effects of alcohol are many and can be life threatening. Consumption of alcohol in sensible quantities and in appropriate circumstances provides many people with enjoyment. However, there is a difference between sensible drinking and excessive or inappropriate drinking. Drinking less than 21 units per week by men and 14 units per week for women is unlikely to damage health. But sustained drinking in excess of these levels progressively increases the risk of various kinds of damage to health such as liver disease, ulcers, heart and circulation disorders and brain damage. Drinking in excess of 50 units per week for men and 35 units per week for women is definitely dangerous.

Psychological and physical dependency can develop. Deaths from suicide, accident and cirrhosis of the liver are common among heavy drinkers as is lasting damage to the heart, liver and brain. Sudden withdrawal from heavy drinking produces sweating, anxiety and trembling, and can cause delirium and convulsions. Medical advice should be sought by anyone wishing to cut down or cease their drinking, especially if they have been drinking heavily for a long time.

Summary Of Findings

The distribution of heroin and cocaine by the same dealers and in the same markets appears in more areas than ever before, adding to evidence that new heroin source areas and new distribution networks have emerged.

Heroin use is reported to be increasing in most areas. While the majority of users are still reported to be older, established ones, the ethnographers in many areas report increased use among younger, suburban users. These new users are more likely to inhale than to inject the drug.

Cocaine and crack use continue to level off and are reported to have stabilized in most areas. Despite relatively unchanged availability, cocaine and crack appear to be perceived as a less desirable drug than was true several months ago, particularly among the young.

Marijuana use continues to increase in all areas, particularly among teens and young adults. "Club drugs" like Ketamine, MDMA, and LSD remain popular among middle and upper income youth.

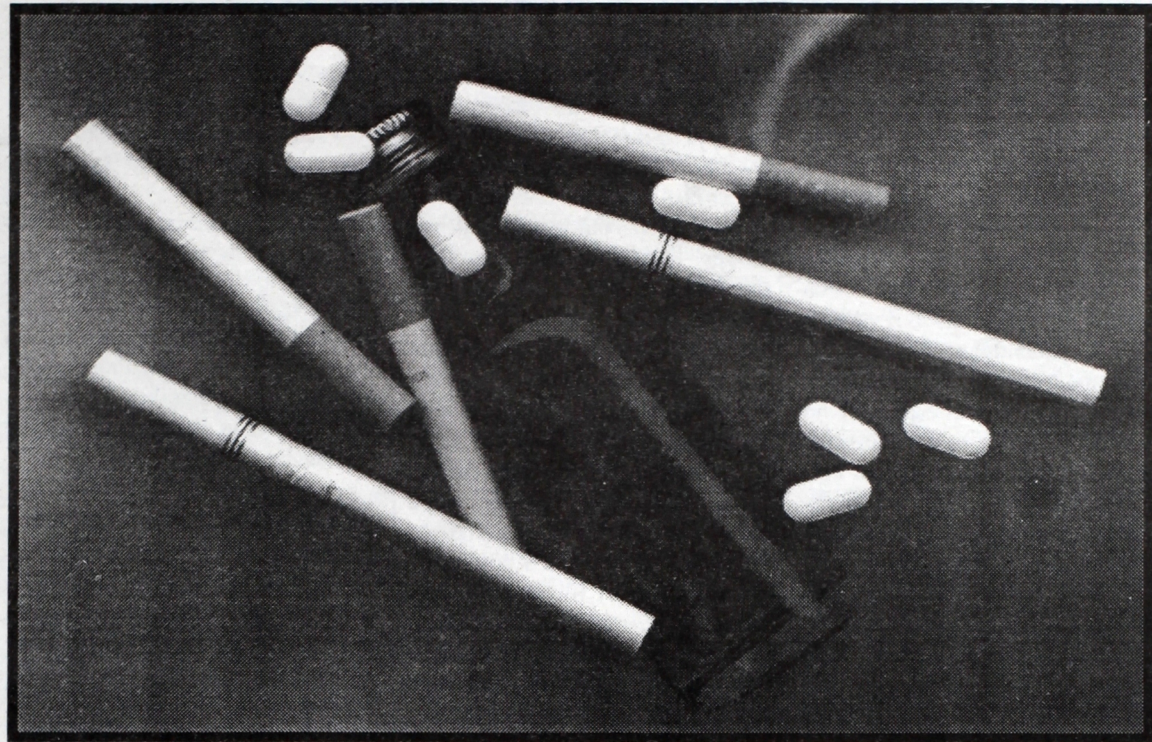
Methamphetamine use appears to be spreading beyond the Western and Southwestern regions of the country into urban areas of the Northwest, the South and the Mid-Atlantic.

Common drugs in college

By Jason Bingham
Features editor

Drugs are becoming quite common throughout many Universities and colleges in the United States and Canada. In some cases, students turn to selling drugs to afford their way through school, while others feel that they needed the drugs in order to get through their four or five years of school. It is an unfortunate fact, but drugs are everywhere on campus' all over North America. Some of the most common drugs are cocaine (That lovely drug that drains your wallet and makes your penis smaller), Ecstasy (turns a nerd in to a John Travolta dancing fool), Magic Mushrooms (these give pizza a whole new after taste), Marijuana (I think we all know about this one), Acid, (great drug makes you stupid), and Speed (the college alternative to caffeine). I would go in to alcohol but that's another story.

Cocaine is not really the most common drug among college and University students, due to the high price, and serious side effects. But it is evident that there are cocaine users among College and University students. The price are the lovely snorting white powder is about \$150 for a tiny paper wrap of the drug. Cocaine enters the body through the nasal cavities with a serious blow of adrenaline, and more energy that you've ever had. The major problem with cocaine is the fact that the rush only lasts about 20 mins, which encourages further use and draining of the wallet. Smoking cocaine will give you twice the amount of rush but lasts half the time, and is more straining on your health. The most serious of the cocaine family is crack cocaine.



(Nothing like a bunch of coke in a rock). (Anyone in college or university that is doing this shit, is completely stupid!) Anyways, a rush to the brain with crack last only two minutes, which is why it is the most addictive drug on the market today. side effects: You will feel like a million dollars, but you will seem like the Tasmanian devil to those around you, not to mention you'll look like a total penis. Nasal cavities get completely screwed up, constant nose bleeds, heart failure, (crack causes constant chest pains, lung damage, and constant bronchitis. Cocaine also acts as a hunger suppressant, so malnutrition is also very common to cause heart failure.

Ecstasy:
Powerful stimulant and mood changer

LSD or ACID

(tabs, trips, blotters, microdots)

Acid is a powerful hallucinogenic drug that alters your perception of the outside world. Acid can turn you into a gibbering, giggling wreck, make the world seem like a magical place, and in one sublime experience, even make Cardiff City's football ground look like the San Siro stadium.

During the course of a trip, the entire universe can turn wibbly, colours become deeply intense, everyday objects take on bizarre and sometimes wonderful new forms, and all your senses can become confused and distorted.

Usually coming in the form of small squares of paper or tiny pellets (around £1-£5 a hit), acid can take anything from 20 minutes to 2 hours to take effect, with trips usually lasting around 7 to 12 hours. There's no real way of knowing how strong a tab is or how it will affect you.

Because of the unexpected and random effects of taking acid, it's always best to take it somewhere you feel comfortable and safe, preferably surrounded by friends you trust. If you're out clubbing, make sure you've got somewhere to go to afterwards as it can be quite a challenge trying to work out a night bus timetable when all you can see is a set of oscillating black blobs.

Side effects: Expect to make a substantial arse of yourself after taking acid. You will quite probably bellow out loud at the sight of a teacup, converse with the trees, talk complete gibberish for hours on end and annoy just about anyone within a ten yard radius.

If you're trying to impress a new girlfriend on a first date, we'd recommend you give it a very wide berth indeed.

Some people may experience flashbacks days or even weeks after taking acid, where it can feel like they're reliving certain elements of their trip.

Health risks: There are no known physical side effects associated with acid use, nor is there any evidence of brain damage. There are some psychological risks, however, particularly for those with a history of mental problems.

Avoid taking acid if you're already feeling pissed off as this could result in a bad trip. People have been known to harm themselves under the influence of acid, so be sure to have responsible friends around you. Be careful not to take more acid when you're waiting to come up - some acid can take a long time to take effect and it's rare to get duff gear.

that speeds up your body system and alters your perception of the world. Your left with a feeling very happy, overwhelming urge to dance, and party all night long. Ecstasy is in the form of a pill which sells for about \$20, which lasts about 8 hours. With in 20 mins of taking Ecstasy, your body temperature will rise enormously, making you feel hot and sticky. The constant need to dance and party makes you very dehydrated and possibly hallucinating. Every form of music becomes danceable to the person on Ecstasy, even the dropping of cutlery can sound like a really cool dance mix. The lighting becomes more brighter and the colours are very intense while grooving on

the dance floor. Side effects: You talk a lot of bull shit. They also have a huge strain on the heart, liver, and kidneys. It is much like speed, once you come down from the high, you are left with a state of depression, anxiety, and hunger.

Since 1988, It is calculated that some 50 to 100 deaths have been linked with ecstasy, so anyone who is on this party drug, you had better think twice after all, you do want to make to graduation don't you.?

Magic mushrooms:

Mushrooms are very common at Universities and Colleges throughout North America. They are a natural hallucinogenic, that leaves

you in an almost panic state, depending on you mood at the time. Mushrooms usually harvest around Sept.-Nov..., they are picked and eaten raw, cooked or made in to a drink.

Mushrooms are very similar to acid, small doses brings on huge excitement, while huge doses 30 or more can bring on shape and colour distortions and hallucinations. Side effects: Nausea, dizziness, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach pains.

The side effects really depend on how you are feeling emotionally, where you are and who your with at the time. If your locked in your room by yourself chances are you'll never want to do them again. (hey! what a great Idea) The largest risk with magic mushrooms is the fact that some have died because they consumed poisonous mushrooms rather than the right ones.

Marijuana is another popular drug among college students, simply because it is the cheapest and has the least amount of side effects. Marijuana is a grass like herb that is rolled into paper and smoked. (like I needed to explain that). It make you feel very happy, constantly laughing all the time and having a lot of fun. If your not a regular smoker, then you might not laugh while your head is stuck in the toilet. The problem with Marijuana is the fact that it destroys brain cell slowly. Constant use of this drug can really make you stupid, among other things. When coming down from your high, hunger is very common, you feel as though you have not eaten in a year. You find yourself eating things that you would not normally eat like; raw egg and so on. I would not recommend any drugs at all, but this one is not nearly as serious as the others.

Amphetamine Sulphate/Speed

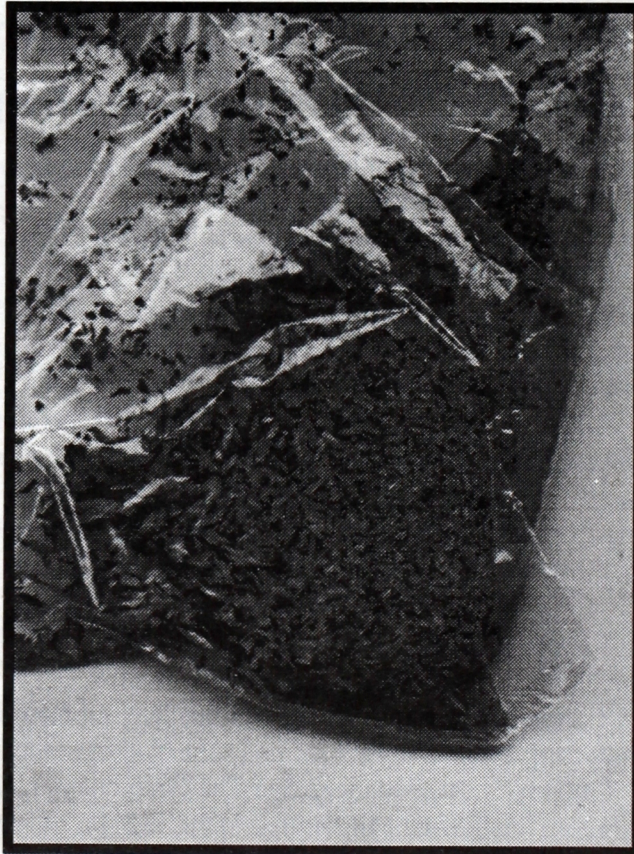
(whizz, billy, sulphate, grudge, dexys, blues, base, etc.)

Speed is a stimulant that can keep you awake for hours and jumping around like a nutter. Its effects are like an adrenaline rush - it makes your heart go like the Flying Scotsman on amyl and you feel like you're bursting with energy and can dance all night. Speed can wake you up, make you feel extremely confident and outgoing and turn the quietest introvert into a gyrating John Travolta on the dance floor.

Generally coming in £8-£12 paper wraps and snorted or dabbed, speed kicks in pretty quickly and not long afterwards your mouth will become drier than a bag of dry stuff that no amount of lager will refresh. You might have a sudden urge to grind your teeth, often resulting in an unexpected and unpleasant exhibition of gurning. Appetites often disappear and quality speed will probably keep you buzzing for anything up to 6 hours. Prolonged speed use builds up a tolerance to speed pretty quickly and find yourself having to take more and more for the same hit. Side effects: Speed can turn people into the breath-taking bores. If you've ever been cornered by someone who's just snorted a gram, expect hours of pure tedium as they recall in great detail arse-dull anecdotes from their childhood. People often get a bit emotional and will constantly reassure complete strangers that they are their best mates for life.

After a night wolfing down the sulphate, the next day (or the comedown) can be a dreadful experience. You might feel tired, weak and unwell, and if you've really been overdoing it, depressed and even paranoid, sometimes with hallucinations. Take loads of orange juice and vitamins, eat well and resign yourself to a few miserable moods over the next couple of days. A bit like playing a Smiths album really.

Health risks: If you've high blood pressure or a dodgy ticker taking speed could be risky. Try not to mix it up with drugs like poppers, coke or E as this could send your poor old heart AWOL. Avoid taking speed if you're on antidepressants as this combination has been known to be fatal. Don't take speed if you're pregnant, and definitely try and avoid injecting the stuff - God only knows what it's cut with. Also look out for 'base' which is like a deluxe version of speed - with more intense positive and negative effects.



My Two Cents Worth To Stop Or Not To Stop?

by Jane Djivre
Columnist

What's yellow and black and red all over? No, it's not a newspaper with colour ads. You may have seen it while passing through downtown. When I first did, it reminded me of a construction zone. Something about the yellow and black stripes that just screamed, "Slow, Men Working." What I'm referring to is the Coffee Stop, a coffee/donut shop in the Brady Square independently owned and operated since June 1996 and open 5 am to midnight. It used to be the home of Cup 'o Joe and T.J.'s Donuts.

The Coffee Stop is unique because its menu supports a mix of items between a doughnut shop and cafe. There is a lot of variety in the beverage department, more so than in a normal doughnut shop, but not as many cafe type drinks a latte connoisseur might want to see. Prices are okay if you want doughnuts and muffins (70 cents), cookies (35 cents) or a small coffee (a dollar). But things get a little pricey if you want

the specialty drinks (\$2.50) and bottled juice is quite reminiscent of LU's pop machine prices.

The major strength of this place is the service. Fast and personable, it kinds of reminds me of Mel's Diner minus the attitude. The cashier was the mother of the owner. Unaware of my intentions to review the shop, she patiently answered my questions about the drinks, sizes and of course, prices. I was especially impressed when she gave me a sample of Irish Cream coffee as I, a newcomer to the Coffee Stop World, was unsure of what quality to expect from a flavor I didn't care for to begin with. The speed and smiles were extended to all customers, as I saw about ten customers served within minutes.

At first I was turned off from the Coffee Stop due to its lack of refinement. Once inside, your senses go for a ride with the smell of smoke, coffee and sweetness; the sight of bright, bold reds and yellows. The stop signs adorning the walls, the

tables and chairs with nicked paint all made me realize this place wasn't trying to be romantic and refined. It has a different purpose, for a different crowd which is not limited to teeny-boppers, but attracts all age groups. It's a good place to go for a snack after a show, or for a caffeine infusion before a major study session. It has an open concept with bright lighting and lots of windows, giving a safe feeling you especially appreciate downtown late at night.

My major beef is the smoke. If you already smoke, you won't mind it and would probably welcome one of the few places that's not smoke free. However, if you're a non-smoker, you may not want to go home smelling like you've puffed a pack of cigs. So if you don't mind that, this place might be worth trying. As you leave you will no doubt hear a cheery voice call in a manner bringing back memories of my McDonald's training, "Thank you, come back soon!" That's my two cents worth.

Critics In The Back Row

by Francois Marier and
Stefano Presenza
Columnists

Stefano: Well, it's that time of year again, when we turn on our televisions to catch our favourite actors and actresses receive those fancy statuettes! Of course both Francois and I are here to give you an inkling as to the best choices for the year.

Francois: Let's start in reverse order of the main categories. My pick for Achievement in Directing is, of course, *Fargo*. This category is usually a preview of what the picture is going to win. The main reason I am choosing this film is because it was not only directed, but also produced by Joel and Ethan Coen, who have created some brilliant films: *Fargo* is no small feat!

Stefano: Why doesn't that surprise me? I told you why I didn't like that movie when we reviewed it, an opinion shared by many. For this category, I would have to pick *The People vs. Larry Flynt*, directed by Milos Forman. This is his third nomination, having already won an Oscar for the all-famous *Amadeus*. Sorry Frankie, but Coen will just have to step aside.

Francois: Figures you would enjoy someone who directed a movie about a porn-tycoon, let's move on to Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role. This year I'm picking Marianne Jean-Baptiste in *Secrets and Lies*. She is a very good actress who should finally be recognized for her great work. Further, she's part of an excellent female cast from the movie, which includes Brenda Blethyn, who is also up for an Oscar. This is an obscure and not very well-known film, but it is a great one; Jean-Baptiste gives an Oscar-worthy performance.

Stefano: What about Juliette Binoche in *The English Patient*? An excellent actress, she is well-deserving of her first nomination. Let's keep an eye out for this talent in further movies. She is guaranteed the Oscar!

Francois: Moving on to Best-Supporting Actor. The only Oscar-worthy thing to come out of *Jerry Maguire* is the performance by Cuba Gooding Jr. He's my pick for this category. Despite some of his earlier work that wasn't very good, this time he really surprised me and played his role as the superstar football player well.

Stefano: Finally we are in agreement. *Jerry Maguire* displayed a wealth of talent, starting with this actor, who's charm and charisma easily won over the audience. For once, Francois, you demonstrate a good sense of judgment.

Francois: For Best Actress, my pick is Emily Watson in *Breaking the Waves*. She gives the best per-

formance out of all the talented women nominated. She was just simply great in this film, and outdoes everybody else in this field. If the Academy doesn't recognize this performance, I don't know what they're thinking!

Stefano: It seems rather odd that someone so fascinated with *Fargo* isn't giving credit where credit is due! If anything, I enjoyed this movie because of Frances McDormand, whose role as Marge Gunderson proved very convincing.

Francois: Now, here's where we really disagree. For Best Actor, although a tough field, I'm picking Geoffrey Rush in *Shine*. His depiction of that Australian piano player who's name escapes me, was very moving. He did win the Golden Globe for his performance, and should be the favourite for this category. If you haven't seen *Shine*, I would recommend it based solely on his great acting.

Stefano: Unfortunately, I will have to rely on your recommendation, since I have not had the chance to see it. However, you know who will win, won't you? Once again the drum rolls... Tom Cruise for *Jerry Maguire*. Although these 'emotion-based' movies are generally pathetic, his acting skills managed to move every boyfriend who was dragged to this movie! (I especially liked Cruise in *Mission Impossible*, but that's another story!)

Francois: *Mission Impossible* was the worst film I saw last summer, but we know what your tastes are, Stef! The Best Picture of the Year Award is the important one, and the last to be given out. The nominees are pretty good this year, and there are no real run-aways, which certainly makes it quite exciting! My pick is the same for the Directing category: *Fargo*. A real gem of a film, and it's about time a dark, macabre comedy that depicts life in America's Heartland is recognized. There can only be one winner, and it seems that every year my pick for best picture never wins, but I have a feeling this year will be different. *Fargo* deserves it and will show the rest of the film industry that a nearly independent movie can win the big one.

Stefano: It's a wonder that your picks never match those that win, Francois. With macabre tastes like that, I can understand why you didn't pick this year's winner, *Jerry Maguire*. This movie has it all: comedy, romance, sports and a '90s struggle to succeed. With Cuba Gooding Jr. and Tom Cruise, it's a sure win!

Francois: Stef has fallen off his rocker this time. If the majority of his picks win, I will give up on the Academy (but I'll still be right!).

Stefano: Whatever. Don't forget to tune in to ABC the evening of Monday, March 24; and don't forget to check out the awesome website at <http://www.oscar.com>.

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Friday March 21

7:30am (until 10:00am) Educational picket at the front gates of Laurentian.

12:30pm Tell the federal Liberals what you think of their policies at Diane Marleau's office at 36 Elgin St.

Join in the 'sing-in' at the banks' on Durham Street

Picket the Workers Compensation Bd. at 30 Cedar Street

3:00pm Join students from across Ontario as they march from Bell Park to the 4pm education rally at Civic Square

There will be a free bus leaving from the Great Hall at 2:15 for this event!!!

8:00pm Resistance. See The Grievous Angels, No Reservations and others at the Mine Mill Hall

Saturday March 22

March in what will in all likelihood be the largest march ever in Sudbury. Starting at the Collège Boréal campus at 10:30 and moving to the Sudbury Arena for a massive rally.

There will be a free bus leaving from the Great Hall from 9:30 to 10:45 for the event!!! This is the best way to fight the tuition hikes! Let's send the Tories a message!



**The staff of Lambda wants to
take this space to wish Mat
Thompson well and a speedy
recovery.**

Have A Good Scream

by Tara D'Angelo
Staff Writer

The first time I can remember seeing a horror movie, I was sleeping over at a friend's house in Grade Four and a group of us watched the original **Nightmare on Elm Street**. One girl and I cowered under our sleeping bags saying Hail Mary's because we were so frightened of the movie. I loved it.

I don't quite understand people's love of being scared. For years after, my friends and I would rent **Friday the 13th** or **Poltergeist** or other movies from that genre and watch them at all hours of the night. For days after, we would have to sleep with the lights on and check under our beds and in our closets.

The aftereffects didn't matter to us, though. We loved the thrills, the kills and the constant suspense of the story (or lack of story) unfolding on the screen.

Maybe my perspective changed as I grew up, but horror movies just don't seem to pack the punch they used to. In fact, I haven't had a good nightmare from a movie since I saw the X-rated version of **The Exorcist** in the Eighth Grade. **The X-Files** have been more frightening than movies.

All of that changed on Thursday the 13th. This was the night I went to see the Cinescreen flick **Scream** starring **Neve Campbell**, **David Arquette**, **Skeet Ulrich** and **Courtney Cox**. The movie opens

with a creepy phone call to a teenage girl (**Drew Barrymore**) and moves on to a more twisted game of movie trivia. The next two hours are very frightening, I guarantee it. I can honestly say I screamed out loud and had a few good jumps (I was starting to wonder why my other half and I bought popcorn because more was landing on the floor and each other than in our stomachs.).

Perhaps the suspense of the movie was based on the fact that there wasn't a named villain. Of sure, there was a person going around who would gut the helpless victims, but this individual wore a death robe and mask. This was not an undead antagonist who was murdered years ago and returned to exact his or her

revenge. This was a real person.

All in all, I thought this movie was incredibly well done. It was directed by **Wes Craven**, the master of screams, who did an incredibly wonderful job achieving just the right amount of suspense before delivering his punch. I have never been so scared of my garage door opener in my entire life, nor have I dreaded answering the phone. To make matters worse, I have **Edvard Munch's** painting "**The Scream**" hanging over

my bed. This is prime nightmare material, let me tell you. I couldn't leave my boyfriend's until the wee hours of dawn because I was convinced there was a masked fiend somewhere in the apartment or in my car.

If you want to be scared, this is the movie for you. There hasn't been a good horror movie made in a good long time and we were due for one. Although its run on the Cinescreen is over, I believe it is playing now at the Odeon. Walk, don't run to see this movie. And make sure you look behind you all the way there...

POETRY CORNER

Life

Life isn't about keeping score.
It's not about how many friends you have, or how accepted you are.
Not about if you have plans this weekend or if you're alone.
It isn't about who you are dating, who you used to date, how many people you've dated or if you've been with anybody at all.
It isn't about who you've kissed,
It's not about sex.
It isn't about who you're family is, or how much money they have,
Or what kind of car they drive
Or where you were sent to school.
It's not about how beautiful or ugly you are,
Or what clothes you wear, what shoes you have on,
Or what kind of music you listen to.
It's not about if you hair is blonde, red, black or brown
Or if your skin is too light or too dark.
Not about what grades you get, how smart you are, how smart everybody else thinks you are or how smart standardized tests say you are.
It's not about what clubs you're in or how good you are at your sport.
It's not about representing your whole being on a piece of paper and seeing who will accept "The written you."
LIFE JUST ISN'T
But, life is about who you love and who you hurt.
It's about who you make happy or unhappy purposefully.
It's about keeping or betraying trust.
It's about friendship, used as a sanctity or a weapon.
It's about what you do and say and mean, maybe hurtful, maybe heartening.
About starting rumors and contributing to petty gossip.
It's about what judgments you pass and why.
And who your judgments are spread to.
It's about who you've ignored with full control and intention.
It's about jealousy, fear, ignorance and revenge.
It's about carrying inner hate and love, letting it grow and spreading it.
But most of all, it's about using your life to touch or poison other people's hearts in such a way that could have never occurred alone.
Only you choose the way those hearts are affected and those choices are what life's all about.

R.S.

WHAT'S ON AROUND TOWN

Check out the newest movies on the Cinescreen at the City Centre Cinemas every night at 7:00pm.

Thursday, March 20th to Saturday, March 22nd

Arthur Miller's stage play, **The Crucible** has never looked so good. Hysteria overtakes a Puritan colony in 17th century Salem after a group of girls are accused of witchcraft. A seemingly dutiful husband (**Daniel Day-Lewis**) has an affair with one of the girls (**Winona Ryder**) and becomes the target of her wrath.

Sunday, March 23rd to Monday, March 24th

When **The Garden of the Finzi-Continis** was originally released in 1971 it was hailed as a masterpiece. Not much has changed in twenty-six years. It is set during the final days of pre-Holocaust Italy within the walls of the Finzi-Continis estate where the guest maintain a dreamy illusion of immunity from fascists.

Tuesday, March 25th to Wednesday, March 26th

The seductive and harrowing picture, **Cyclo**, details desperate lives in a desperate city as we follow an unnamed bicycle taxi driver through the chaotic streets of Ho Chi Minh City.

Make sure you keep your eyes peeled for the films **Everyone Says I Love You**, **Hotel de Love**, **Suburbia** and **Slingblade**. Cinescreen movies are only \$6.00 and are little pieces of something different for the average movie goer.

If you know of anything that is cool that will be going on in Sudbury, give Tara a call at 673-6548.



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Graduates!

March 21, 1997 is the deadline for registering for the April 5, 1997 Writing Competency Test. You may register at the Language Centre either on: Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12p.m.

Elgin Mission Friday, March 21/97

Come and be part of the Elgin Street Mission and work with friends in mission and life! Come and serve soup, toast and coffee to people in need and listen to their stories. We go in small groups. Please contact Ronald Perron, s.j. at 673-5661 or the Chaplains' office, room L228.

Bagels and Brainstorms "The Day After"

Sunday, March 23rd, 1997, 1:00P.M. At the Sudbury Women's Centre, 268 Frood Road
How do we, as women, continue the resistance after the resistance? Join us for an informal discussion and food. Special Guest: Chris Mather from the Thunder Bay Coalition against poverty. For more information, call Tyna at The Sudbury Women's Centre (673-1916)

Attention all arts students who still lack their science requirement

As you know, all students in Humanities and Social Sciences must take 6 credits in Science in order to graduate. You probably also know that the Faculty of Science does not make it easy to fulfill this requirement. Only one science course is tailored for Arts students: Contemporary Science-GSCI 1010 EZ. My advice is to take this course in the Spring Session. Sincerely, Dr. Rand Dyck, Vice-Dean of Social Sciences.

"NCBI: The Next Step"

As part of its Days Without Discrimination Series, the LU Women's Centre presents "NCBI: The Next Step", on Friday, April 4, 1997, 9 to 4 p.m. All those who have attended the "Welcoming Diversity" workshop with NCBI are welcomed to attend. There is no cost to participants. Location: T.B.A. For further information and/or to pre-register, please call 675-1151 (1089)

Indian Vegetarian Cooking

As part of its Wellness Series, the LU Women's Centre presents "Indian Vegetarian Cooking" on Saturday, April 12, 1997, 12 to 3 p.m. in L-239. Cost: \$4 (students, unemployed); \$8 (other). Cost includes a full dinner and a demonstration. Please call 675-1151(1089) for further information and/or to pre-register.

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March Madness is Back!!

This is the time of year that true basketball fans eagerly wait for: March Madness, or for those who are clueless, the NCAA basketball tournament. 64 teams that within a few days are whittled down to the Thrillin' 32, the Sweet Sixteen, the Awesome Eight and the Final Four.

The draw for fans to this tournament is the fact that teams that held garbage records during the regular season, can be included in the tournament and pull off some stunning upsets. On Friday, March 14, Coppin State (ranked 15) was one of those teams, beating South Carolina (ranked 2) 78-65. This was an upset because it was only the third time that a 15-seeded team made it to the second round - the other two instances were Richmond defeating Syracuse in 1991 and Santa Clara over Arizona in 1993.

Over the weekend, the majority of games were close, within 2 or three points. Perennial favorite Duke lost, which was a major upset, as was the Wake Forest loss. These two teams were seeded quite high for the tournament but that's the beauty of March Madness.

But this isn't only a question of college teams vying for the US Basketball championship. It's also about coaches and their own achievements (Dean Smith of UNC, holding the record for most wins, beating Adolphe Rupp's record of 876 wins) as well as home teams, fans and money.

We proudly bring the winners from the 32-list. Brackets indicated tournament seeding.

West

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| (1) Kentucky 75 | (8) Virginia 69 |
| (4) St. Joseph's Pa 81 | (5) Boston College 77 |
| (6) Stanford 72 | (3) Wake Forest 66 |
| (2) Utah 77 | (7) NC-Charlotte 58 |

MidWest

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| (6) Iowa State 67 | (3) Cincinnati 66 |
| (2) UCLA 96 | (7) Xavier OH 83 |
| (1) Minnesota 76 | (9) Temple 57 |
| (4) Clemson 65 | (5) Tulsa 59 |

South East

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| (1) Kansas 75 | (8) Purdue 61 |
| (4) Arizona 73 | (12) Coll of Charleston 69 |
| (14) Chattanooga 75 | (6) Illinois 63 |
| (10) Providence 98 | (2) Duke 87 |

East

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| (1) UNC 73 | (9) Colorado 56 |
| (5) California 75 | (4) Villanova 68 |
| (6) Louisville 64 | (3) New Mexico 63 |
| (10) Texas 82 | (15) Coppin State 81 |

West & Midwest semi-finals on Thursday.
East & Southeast semi-finals on Friday.

Trivia:

Chattanooga is the 2nd 14th seed to make it to Sweet Sixteen (Previous, Cleveland St. in 1986).

Also, check out the Official NCAA Final Four Web Site at <http://www.FinalFour.net/>

Budo In Borden

by The Laurentian University Karate Club

Contributors

On Saturday, March 15th, The Laurentian University Karate Club participated in **The CFB Borden Goju-Ryu Karate Championships '97**. This invitational tournament was organized to promote friendship among the different *Goju* schools in Ontario. *Goju-Ryu* means Hard/Soft Style and is one of the four traditional styles of Karate.

Although the premise of the tournament was friendship, the competition was fierce and it brought out the best in all the competitors. The L.U.K.C. did very well in all divisions and managed to bring home a number of nice Dust Collectors.

In her first ever Karate competition, Kelly Gannon won First Place in the Women's White/Yellow/Orange Belt *Kata* (forms) division and Third Place in *Kumite* (sparring). In the Men's Orange/Green Belt division, Jason Samborski won First Place in *Kata* and Rob Adams won Third in *Kumite*. Charles Fink managed to win Third Place in the Men's Green/Blue/Brown Belt *Kobudo* (weapons) division and First Place in the Men's Blue/Brown Belt *Kata* division.

The story of the day came from the Black Belt division where Craig Vokey *Sensei* put on a dazzling display of timing and strength showing the crowd, and his opponents, a wide range of interesting techniques. His efforts earned him 3rd and 2nd Place honors in *Kata* and *Kumite* respectively.

The L.U.K.C. would like to thank The CFB Borden Karate Club for their hospitality and extend a special thanks to our camera crew for their support.

For more information about the Laurentian University Karate Club, *Goju-Ryu*, or Karate in general, please visit our Web Page at http://www3.sympatico.ca/cfink/lu_karate/



Vee Line

Basketball



Voyageurs battle X

On Friday March 21, 1997 the Laurentian Voyageurs men's basketball team will continue their quest for a national championship as they open the national tournament against the St. Francis Xavier X-Men at 7 pm Atlantic time at the Metro Center in Halifax. The Voyageurs enter the tournament as the fourth seed.

In other action, McMaster plays Bishop's, Toronto plays Brandon and Victoria takes on Guelph. A win on Friday would place the Voyageurs in the semi-finals with the winner of the Mac/Bishop's game.

TSN will televise both semi finals Saturday and the championship game Sunday at 4:30pm EST.

CIAU Championships - Friday March 21, 1997

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| 12:00pm | Brandon (3) vs. Toronto (6) |
| 2:00pm | Guelph (7) vs. U of Vic (2) |
| 6:00pm | St. Francis Xavier (5) vs. Laurentian (4) |
| 8:00pm | McMaster (1) vs. Bishop's (8) |

Saturday March 22, 1997

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| Consolation Semi-Finals | 11:00am and 1:00pm |
| Championship Semi-Finals | 4:30pm and 7:30pm |

Sunday March 23, 1997

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| Consolation Final | 2:00pm |
| Championship Final | 4:30pm |
- All times are Eastern Standard Time.



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- Don't forget 3 credit half courses offered through Envision run the full length of the session.
- Some Distance Education courses have **LIMITED ENROLLMENT**, register early.

Intramural Update

by Dianna Francoeur

Contributor

Intramural Badminton

Thanks to all who participated in Intramural Badminton this year. A special thanks to the sponsors, Notre Dame Bowl, McDonalds, Canadian Red Dragon, Bobb's T-Shirts and Pat & Marios for the great prizes they donated. I would also like to thank Rob Gamble, Laura Frampton and Jasmin Zehnder for helping out at the tournament. Congratulations to Monica Ryan and Jamie Adair, the first place winners; Jen Fairy and Oscar Cano, the second place winners; and Dave McNabb and Jana Camilucci, the third place winners. I hope everyone had a great time and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Reasons Why... Beer at the Arena: What's the big deal?

by Steve Proceviat
Columnist

On January 28, you may recall, the Sudbury City Council authorized an application to the Liquor License Board of Ontario to allow the sale of draught beer at Sudbury Arena during various sporting events, most notably Wolves' games. To say that this decision has not met with 100% community approval would be akin to classifying the Wolves' season as one of moderate mediocrity. A serious understatement.

Various individuals, as well as a number of community-based organizations, have voiced their disapproval of this action with astonishing frequency during the last few weeks. Two of the most vocal critics are the

Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) and the John Howard Society. The main concerns voiced have included the following: potential rowdiness and/or violence, loss of family-based atmosphere at sporting events, and potential criminal activity (!).

Apparently the inclusion of alcoholic beverages in the goings-on at the Sudbury Arena will lead to the termination of civilized society as we know it. Oh, come on.

Selling beer at the Arena is a wise, logical course of action that should have been pursued many years ago. I, for one, can hardly believe that the owners of the

Wolves and the Sudbury Regional Council have allowed this potential cash cow to elude them for so long. It has been estimated that beer sales at Wolves' games alone could earn the city approximately \$100 000 each year. A hundred grand a year, and they are just now getting around to it? Incredible.

The criticism regarding potential rowdiness, which could lead to the disruption of good, wholesome family entertainment is, in all truth, ludicrous. The people propagating such nonsensical fears must have never attended a sporting event at the Sudbury Arena in their entire lives. For them, here's a news flash: the rowdiness is not potential. It is already here. It is impossible to count the number of obnoxious, rude, offensive, disgusting, and yes, downright rowdy individuals present at every sporting event held at the Arena. It is true that these people make total asses of themselves, becoming more of a spectacle than the sporting event taking place. It is true that the actions of these persons disrupt the enjoyment of those attempting to view the sporting event. And, finally, it is true that, whether or not booze is being sold, these people will still be there, acting in a manner totally unacceptable for family-based viewing. These people are idiots, sober or otherwise, and, short of euthanasia, there really is nothing you can do about it.

One may bring up the point that alcohol will augment the natural idiocy of these people, leading to even greater actions of stupidity on their parts. This is a valid point; one which can be countered quite easily, however, by noting the fact that most of these people are already inebriated when they act this way. As it is now, a hockey game at the Arena is definitely not a "dry" event. There are the teenagers, newly legal or perhaps even underage, who come to a Wolves' game already drunk. There are the legions of individuals who head, en masse, for one of the nearby bars, of which there are at least ten within a two minute walk from the arena, at the end of every period. There are those who slip a little extra something into their pops from a flask hidden in their coats when nobody is looking. If there is going to be all of this drinking going on, why shouldn't the city cash in? The potential money is sitting right in front of them, ripe for the taking.

To those concerned about violence or criminal activity, please go back and re-read the above. The violence is there, and so is the criminal activity. Of course alcohol leads to these types of occurrences. But they are still going to happen, you know that and I know that, and they are going to happen whether or not the beer is being sold at the Arena.

So there really is nothing else to say regarding this topic. There will always be obnoxious people at the Sudbury Arena. There will always be drunks at the Sudbury Arena. Yes, the two do go together, but what's gonna do? For Wolves' management and the City of Sudbury to continue to pass up the potential monetary gain of beer sales would be foolish in the extreme. They can't solve the world's problems, and they shouldn't be raked over the coals for trying to cash in, to an extent, on them. That's capitalism, baby.

You want madness, well you've come to the right spot!

by Honsing Leung and
Mike Leblanc
Columnists

Mike

Well, I now know why they call it March Madness. Watching the plethora of games last weekend was pretty amazing and, is it just me, or have there been a lot of upsets this year in the tournament? I don't know. Maybe it's the fact that Chattanooga pulled off two straight upsets to get into the Sweet Sixteen. Every time there are lots of surprises and this year has come through big time! Yeah, I know that Wake Forest and Tim Duncan bit the dust, but so did Honsing's beloved Duke. My new team to support will be the aforementioned team from Chattanooga (I know they won't win, but if they do, who predicted it?). Many people criticize the selection committee and the way the tournament is set up with weaker divisions sending their champions. We now see that, if not for these guaranteed positions, we wouldn't see all these amazing upsets. That's the beauty of having one game elimination's; any team can beat any other on any given night.

By the way, did anyone see who won the Labatt Brier last Sunday? Oh my god, was Kevin Martin just like someone from this article predicted? This means not only that I was right, but that Honsing was definitely wrong as Werenich didn't even make the final (I know that the gloating is childish but I get to do it so rarely). But seriously, anyone who watched the final could easily be converted to a curling fan as the match went back and forth with several momentum swings. It had my undi-

vided attention, along with the NCAA games, the Grizzlies game, the Honda Classic golf tourney and the Canada/USA soccer match.

Speaking of gloating, the SPAD hockey pool is winding down and whose name is at the top of the leaderboard? That's right, yours truly (well technically it's a tie, but never mind that). If I come out victorious, that would make it victories in two straight SPAD pools. Well golly, how many more have there been? Oh gee, could it be two? I'm considering retiring after this one, but I enjoy taking money so much that I think I'll continue for the hell of it. Anyone in for an NHL playoff pool?

Honsing

Hello everyone! Well, March Madness is well underway and all four #1 seeds are on their way to the sweet 16. My team, Duke, has lost, and, therefore, disappointed me. There have been an influx of players from Duke graduating to the NBA in recent years. Look for Jeff Capel, maybe Steve Wojohowski, and hopefully Canadian Greg Newton to get drafted to join the likes of Grant Hill, Christian Laetener, Bobby Hurley and Cherokee Parks as former grads with employment in the NBA. Well, since Duke is gone from the tourney, I will have to pick another team. Will I go with who I think will win the tournament? No, once again, this is who I like and don't like. I would like to see Utah make it to the final four. Coach Rick Majeres is a Canuck and Keith Van Horn is a presence anytime he touches the ball. The amount of basketball on T.V. last weekend was crazy. I guess that's why they call it March Madness.

Is anyone else itching to get the baseball season started? Seeing spring training game after spring train-

ing game is getting a little tiring. They should start the season today. I think that we can all say that Randy Johnson is back. He was his usual wild self by plucking J.T. Snow in the face in a game last week. Here's a tip for poolies. Take Johnson as your first pick for a pitcher. He will bounce back for a huge season.

Now, sticking to the topic of baseball, I have a little personal beef that I would like to get off my chest and I would like to get your opinions on the matter. I have been a Toronto Blue Jays fan for as long as I can remember. My favourite player was and still is Dave Stieb. Not only have I mentioned this to many people, but every chance that I get I will state how good he really was. Now, throughout the years, my buddies have ribbed me for this because, by the time the '90's rolled around, he wasn't of much use to the Jays. Nevertheless, I was a committed fan. Now, one of my friends back home in Toronto got a job working as a Blue Jay instructor for a March Break camp for kids and prospects. He worked with coaches from around Canada and the U.S. College ranks. Now I've known him since my first days of high school and, since he is also a baseball freak, we have argued many times over who is the best Jay pitcher of all time. One day, not long ago, he goes to work and the special guest is none other than Dave himself. Now, knowing how much I liked him, you would think that he would get an autograph for me at least, right? Wrong. Nothing. He stated that he felt uncomfortable with his situation. Now, what would you do? Would you get the autograph for your friend or not? Responses can be sent to S2100701 on school email or Hughie@isys.ca with the subject being Stieb.

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SPAD Speaks

by Dean McIntosh
Columnist

If there are two theme words that best sum up the month of March they must be fire and ice. On Friday March 7th, the 10th annual SPAD bonspiel was hosted by the Coniston Country Club. Although the team of Romaniuk, Halcrow, Wood and some bum were the heavy favourites entering the afternoon draw, they were upset early and relegated to the B pool. The big stars of the day ended up being Mike Leblanc and Mike Hughson. Leblanc dished out some heavy body checks and Hughson, who was out with a bout of tendonitis, coached the winning team to an easy victory. Rob McDonald, current

SPAD secretary, was not in attendance.

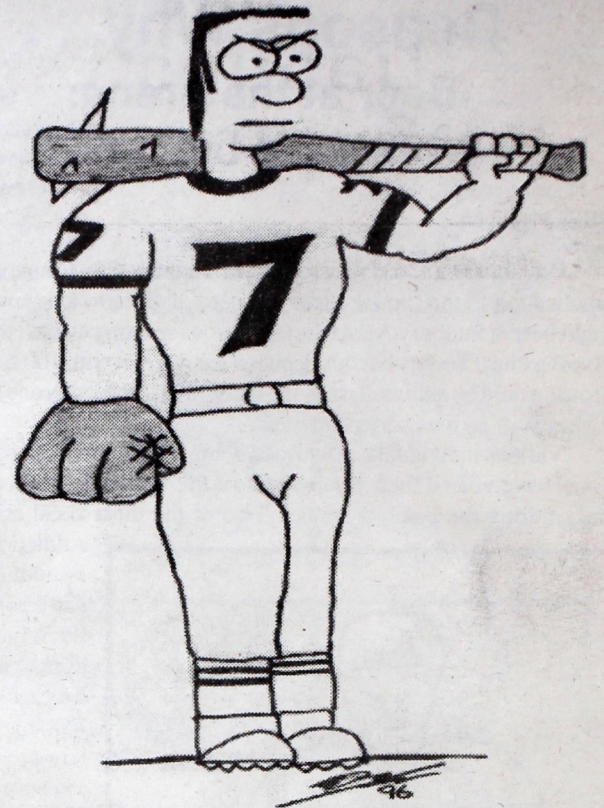
Sticking with the ice theme, ice cold wine and finely aged cheese will be served this coming Saturday night as part of the annual wine and cheese. Tickets are available through class reps for the low, low price of \$10 for SPAD members and \$12 for non-SPAD members (whoever that is). Do not wait to purchase your tickets at the door as you will be charged a \$3 service fee and will be ineligible for the exciting door prizes. Doors will be open at 7pm. Any students who are running for a council seat will have an opportunity to present their position on issues such as Is soccer really a sport? And school restructuring - Why are we proposing the flooding of SPAD with common plebeians? **Remember that voting for SPAD council will take place**

Tuesday March 25'th. Do not forget to get out and vote.

On a slightly more fiery subject, SPADwear has arrived, slightly charred, from the Funky Parrot. If you have yet to pick up your garments, they are available through the SPAD council. Thank-you to the Funky Parrot for their prompt delivery through difficult times.

Finally, I would like to present a challenge to the humble authors of Honsing and Mike. Next week I would propose that your article be dedicated to the great game of baseball and your predictions for the coming season. See you next week.

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